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Growers get regs, city OKs pot zone

State lawmakers promote new marijuana rules



GREEN RUSH REGS Assemblymember Jim Wood promotes the new regulations last week at the Humboldt County Courthouse. **DM | UNION**

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – A few days before Governor Jerry Brown approved a package of medical marijuana regulation bills, its authors were in Humboldt County to say that regulation is overdue and will deliver order to a large but uncontrolled industry.

North Coast Assemblymember Jim Wood was joined by Assemblymembers Rob Bonta and Tom Lackey at the Humboldt County Courthouse for an Oct. 6 press conference on The Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MRSA), which they co-authored.

Along with a bill sponsored by Senator Mike McGuire and another Assembly bill sponsored by Wood, the act is part of a **POT REGS ♦ A8**

MMIZ plan downsized, neighborhood meeting planned

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week adopted an ordinance creating a Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone (MMIZ) on West End Road. But strong pushback from area businesses and resident made the council scale back the size of the proposed zone, and a neighborhood meeting will be held later this month to gather input from area stakeholders.

As approved by the council, the MMIZ is planned as a location where cannabis entrepreneurs can set up tax-paying, labor-friendly and environmentally sustainable businesses under streamlined permitting. It's also intended to mesh with the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MRSA) which was just signed into law

by Governor Brown.

The proactive approach, developed during three Planning Commission meetings, is intended as a way to sensibly channel a predicted boom in the cannabis industry into creation of legal businesses rather than the unregulated underground enterprises that have resulted in disrupted neighborhoods, distracted police and criminalized cannabis workers.

It's also intended to keep the federal government from further intervening in Arcata's affairs by demonstrating a good-faith effort to regulate the local cannabis industry.

Land Use Code revisions adopted by the council specify the location of the MMIZ, now to be concentrated in the ruins of the former Humboldt Flakeboard plant.

MMIZ ♦ A8

Motives fuzzy in Arreaga case

Paul Mann
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FIELDBROOK/EUREKA – The jury takes up the double murder case of Jason Michael Arreaga with only oblique indications of what might have motivated the killings of Eureka couple Harley Wayne Hammers Jr. and Angel Robin Tully, both 37, in September 2014.

A love triangle is central to the story, but the marrow truth of the case is not self-evident. Arreaga is from Lucerne in Lake County and was not an intimate party to the triangle. He pleaded not guilty to the murders.

The leitmotif of the state's case is that Hammers and Tully threatened Arreaga in a Fieldbrook driveway with undisclosed objects in their hands seconds before the gun-

ARREAGA ♦ A6



HOMEcoming McKinleyville High School and Humboldt State both celebrated Homecoming last week with parades. Top photos, MHS students parade down Central Avenue. Far right, HSU President Lisa Rossbacher in HSU parade around the Arcata Plaza. Right, royalty hopefuls in McKinleyville. Later that night, the MHS Panthers football took on Fortuna. The Huskies won 49-21. The HSU Lumberjacks beat Azusa Pacific that night. **PHOTOS BY JD | UNION**

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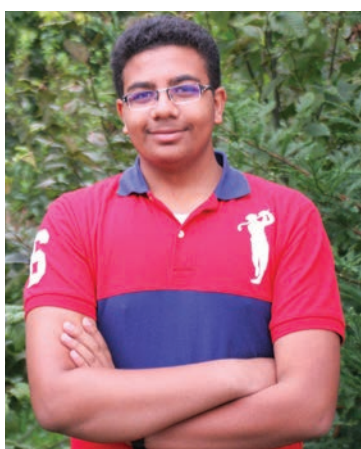
Exchange student becomes refugee

Maia Lemann
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ARCATA – Abdul Abdullah thought he was coming to Arcata for a year exchange. What he didn't know was that he would be unable to return home at the end of the school year. In the time Abdullah was gone, his home country of Yemen became embroiled in a civil war and the situation turned so dangerous he could not return. "He's not a foreign exchange student anymore, he's a refugee. We have to plan for the long term," said Ilza Hakenen, Abdullah's current host mom.

Abdullah left his home, family and life in Sana'a on Sept. 8, 2014. He is part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program that is designed specifically for students from countries containing a significant Muslim population to attend high school in

REFUGEE ♦ A6



WAR REFUGEE Abdul Abdullah can't go back to Yemen. **PHOTO BY ZALIAH FINEGAN**

Work begins on McK fitness center

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE – Construction is underway on a two-story fitness center in McKinleyville that will include a swimming pool, sauna tub, steam rooms and an array of exercise equipment.

The 29,000-square-foot fitness center – called The Club at Mill Creek – is being built by the Big Lagoon Rancheria on Betty Court off School Road near the Mill Creek Cinema.

"We are so excited to bring a new health club and fitness center to McKinleyville," state Rancheria Tribal Chairman Virgil Moorehead in a press release announcing the project.

The center, which should be completed in 12 to 14 months, has been in the works for more than a decade.

The \$5.9 million project is being financed by Native American Bank. "This is our largest loan in California, and one of our largest loans ever," stated Clay Colombe, senior vice president of the bank. "The amount of research that went into the feasibility study the tribe prepared was very sophisticated. It's fulfilling for us to have such a good business partner."

Moorehead would not disclose how large the pool will be, saying he wanted there to be a few surprises when it opens. But "it will be a nice size pool," he said.

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Community PRIDE Project moves forward with outreach

Powerwash brings water-waste warning, dialogue

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ARCATA – An attempt to clean up the streets by a member of the Community PRIDE Project (CPP) brought a swift warning from City Hall last week.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, CPP participant Stephen Gieder powerwashed the grimy sidewalk along the 900 block of H Street, which hosts some of the most impacted – and most militant reform-seeking businesses. He also hit the sidewalk outside his Northtown home, which is frequently pocked with poop and puke.

By happenstance, Environmental Services Director Mark Andre passed by, and recognized the mid-day sidewalk-watering as a direct violation of the emergency water conservation ordinance adopted by the Arcata City Council on June 17. Monday, Andre sent a warning letter to Gieder noting the violation, warning of a \$500 fine, and directing his attention to Ordinance No. 1462.

The ordinance states in part, “The application of potable water to hard surfaces including, but not limited to, driveways, sidewalks, patios, parking lots, streets, or similar surfaces except as necessary by the city for street sweeping and to otherwise protect the public health or safety” is prohibited.

That means you can wash off a specific health hazard like feces or vomit, but not grime, no matter how unattractive.

To some CPP members, the city’s letter was out of line. Gieder posted it on Facebook, and though the letter alluded to the Northtown washing, that wasn’t quite clear in the initial posting. Still, the same restrictions and possible penalties would also apply to the H Street sidewalk cleansing.

As previously reported, Arcata is not meeting the four percent water reduction mandated by the state. That amounts to about two gallons out of the 47 the average Arcatan uses daily. Andre said that citywide, June’s water usage was up 11 percent in June, then down 11 percent in July, then two percent higher than average in August.

September will be pivotal, Andre said. If the city doesn’t cut its use, the state could levy fines of as much as \$10,000 per day against Arcata. “If September is sideways, we may hear from the state,” he said. “If we don’t document that we’ve done something like that, we’re on the hook for a \$10,000 fine.”

The four percent reduction is extremely mild compared to other California communities, which are under mandates to reduce water use by up to 36 percent. The cutbacks stem from a number of emergency orders issued by Gov. Jerry Brown’s office.

In April, Brown mandated an overall 25 percent reduction in water use statewide. It’s been successful – August saw a 27 percent reduction across the state.

Individual communities were able to appeal the flat 25 percent rate to the state Water Resources Control Board (WRCB). It created a tiered system based on per capita use under which communities could be granted a reduced conservation rate if it could demonstrate that it had a four-year supply of water in its reservoir.

HBMWD did just that, providing data showing that Ruth Lake, which relies on the rainfall Humboldt still enjoys, rather than snowpack, had filled for the past four years. As a result, the WRCB set the local conservation goal as just four percent. Nonetheless, curbs on waste are still in effect. “Whether or not we’re in a drought emergency here, California is, and we’re in California,” Andre said.

Energy use is another huge issue exacerbated by water waste. “Every gallon that we use is pumped from Mad River gravel beds, pumped through a filtration system, chlorinated, fluoridated and pumped up to a gravity reservoir,” he said. All that takes energy, and a lot of it. That means electricity bills and greenhouse gas generation.

“There’s an energy budget to it, too,” Andre said. “The less water that goes down the drain, the less energy is used.”

He told Gieder that the city is required to follow up when observing water waste, including power washing sidewalks when a broom would suffice.

After discussing the matter with Andre, Gieder said he better understands the situation and is on board with the water restrictions. “We are all the same team,” he said.

Andre said the city will continue to promote conservation, with various devices and information available at City Hall, online and at a table at the Saturday Farmers’ Market.

At last week’s CPP meeting, Andre reminded attendees that anything washed off the streets goes into Jolly Giant Creek, out Butchers Slough and into Arcata Bay’s oyster beds. He said the schedule for Arcata’s Tymco 600 Regenerative Air Street Sweeper could be adjusted to better serve downtown.

Nancy Stephenson, downtown representative for Arcata Main Street, said her organization is discussing a fund-raising effort for the purchase of an industrial-strength vacuum cleaner suitable for sucking up street debris.

Group gets city buy-in, will go to work on the Plaza this Friday

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The second meeting of the Community PRIDE Project saw twice as many people gather at H Street’s The Jam family tavern as did for the first meeting the week previous. Also present this time were a plethora of city officials, including city councilmembers, the police chief and city manager.

A number of speakers offered thoughts and a rough consensus – though few specifics – emerged on dealing with downtown Arcata’s civility issues.

Downtowners want more involvement by all stakeholders, more consciousness, more enforcement, more services for those in genuine need, more civility, more family friendliness and more of the small-town sweetness that Arcata used to be about.

They’d like to see less violent behavior, harassment of women, thefts, vandalism, drug-related antics, cigarette butts and other litter, and less grinding stress and fear for those who live, work and play downtown.

Steve Gieder, CPP’s principal organizer, set the tone by stating that “we should be the change we want to be.” The problem, he said, is “for want of a better term, street folks.” While that diverse group includes individuals with lots of different motivations and issues, it’s the community-degrading behavior that CPP wishes to address – incivility, violence, litter, environmental destruction.

Bad street behavior had claimed another victim just the night before. Drag performer Mike Warren said he was harassed by a serial ne’er-do-well who threatened to beat him up and rape his girlfriend. He said police were ineffectual in addressing the situation, and simply dispersed the disputants rather than acting to remove the menace from the streets. Police are quick to go after someone riding a bicycle at night without a headlamp, Warren said, but are ineffectual in a tense street situation.

“I’m not happy with the way they did *not* handle it,” he said.

A Humboldt State student named Nick said he’d been punched in the head. He said the burly atmosphere downtown prevents students from participating in downtown life. “There are groups of students who don’t want to go out on the Plaza,” he said.

Merchant Jane Williams-Eichensehr, like others, expressed compassion for the mentally ill. At the same time, she said, conditions have become intolerable for working women. “Street harassment of women is escalating on a daily basis,” she said. “Every woman who works for me is scared.”

Meanwhile, her business has suffered vandalism, broken windows and



FULL HOUSE The Jam was jammed with community members there to discuss issues and solutions for downtown Arcata. At right addressing attendees is Stephen Gieder, organizer of the Community PRIDE Project.

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alarming intrusions by abusive street people. She said the city wouldn’t let her install a metal gate in front of her store’s alcove. Sunday morning, the entrance featured a pile of vomit.

Prop 47, a voter-approved measure intended to reduce prison overcrowding by releasing nonviolent offenders and reducing some former felonies to misdemeanors, has monkeywrenched the criminal justice system and, exacerbated street crime issues. “It’s basically tied the hands of police,” she said. “Nobody’s held accountable for anything they do.”

She suggested creation of a group or pool of volunteers who could escort women about downtown in safety. Another group might rove downtown, crowdsourcing civility by passively confronting abusers. “We stand there and make them uncomfortable,” Williams-Eichensehr suggested. “That will protect young women as well.”

Speaking as a member of Friends of the Arcata Library, Maia Cheli-Colando said that wi-fi availability and restroom facilities have made the Arcata Branch Library popular with travelers. The CPP’s activities could intensify that phenomenon.

“If you push them off the Plaza, more will be coming into the library,” she said.

Gieder said what’s needed is an overall cultural shift in “the way we interact as a society.” Key will be communications and shared goals. “We can’t have a community without unity,” he said.

Monty Martin of North Coast Defense Academy said the problems Arcata is experiencing are found everywhere these days. “The people we’re having issues with don’t give a shit,” he said. “The problem is only going to get better with [community] involvement.” He suggested “getting up in people’s faces in a nice way.”

Police Chief Tom Chapman spoke with considerably more enthusiasm than he did at last year’s Chamber of Commerce meeting on the same subject. He lauded the grassroots effort. “It’s nice to see community action,” he said, but

cautioned that “there has to be follow-through.”

Chapman affirmed attorney Paul Hagen’s observation at the first meeting, that “you can’t arrest yourself out of the situation.”

“Paul is 100 percent right,” Chapman said.

When Downtown Officer Luke Scown (who is presently out on paternity leave) makes an arrest, Chapman said, he has to transport and book the arrestee at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility in Eureka, reducing or eliminating police coverage downtown for the duration.

“You’re not going to see him again for two hours,” Chapman said.

Prison realignment – the 2011 state measure to redistribute inmates of state prisons to local jails – along with Prop 47, have dissolved traditional notions of crime and punishment. “The criminal justice system we all grew up with has totally changed,” Chapman said.

The theory behind punishment is that it deters crime – “we don’t want to do some things because we don’t want to face the consequences,” he said. But punishment is now off the table for many of the offenses described at the CPP meetings.

“They don’t care if an officer gives a citation for smoking dope,” Chapman said. “They just don’t care.” He said some subjects have been cited “40, 50, 60 times” for public intoxication, to no lasting effect. “It’s a repeat cycle,” he said. “We’re not able to make change through traditional law enforcement.”

Positioning police officers on every corner would abate crime, Chapman said, but there are no resources for that. Meanwhile, following realignment and Prop 47, theft and drug offenses are up all over town. Valley West has also become “resource intensive.”

He echoed testimony from other speakers, stating that, “We need a community solution. It’s got to come from the community to be long lasting.” Further, Chapman said. “The more we use the Plaza, the better it gets.” He said APD is “happy to or-

ganize and help coordinate.”

City manager Karen Diemer said the city would support citizen groups with “at least one representative.”

“We’re here to learn and to create long-lasting solutions,” Diemer said.

Laura Kadlecik said she’s had five bicycles stolen from her backyard, and wondered whether “some kind of bike racket” is operating in town.

She offered to participate in a downtown cleanup group of some kind, picking up litter.

A woman named Ashley said there are two types of transients: “people trying to better their lives,” and “partier.” She outlined the challenges of parenting and getting an education while living on the streets, and urged restoration of something like the now-closed Arcata Endeavor. That homeless service center offered support services such as showers, food and counseling.

While the meeting ended with good feelings and consensus, no specific measures were adopted. That could occur at the next indoor meeting Oct. 23, when Gieder plans to form breakout groups to tackle issues such as crime and cleanliness.

Not yet heard from to any significant degree are the homeless or their advocates, who have been deeply skeptical in past years of initiatives originating in the business community.

Nor have Arcata’s ardent civil libertarians weighed in. Historically, they’ve not allowed any encroachment on human and civil rights, real or perceived, to pass without vigorous pushback. Even attempts to enforce existing smoking laws in Redwood Park on the 4/20 cannabis holiday have resulted in continuing litigation.

This Friday, Oct. 16 at 1 p.m., CPP plans to hold a one-hour public safety and environmental meeting on the Plaza, followed by a one-hour environmental cleanup and public safety outreach effort.

The CPP next meets Friday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. at the Jam, 915 H St., to pick up where last week’s meeting left off. The public is invited to attend.

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Candidates for the Manila CSD

The *Union* invited the six candidates running for three seats on the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors to answer questions. Below are their unedited responses. Election Day is Nov. 3.



Jan Bramlett

1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.

I’ve lived in cities most of my life, but much of my childhood was spent in rural areas on the east coast. Manila — beach, bay, artists, chickens, goats, and nice class diversity, is the best of everywhere I’ve lived. I worked in advertising and pharmaceutical manufacturing before obtaining a master’s degree in anthropology. I train and coach advocates who work with foster kids and I’m a singer-songwriter. I’ve served on the MCSD Board for four years.

2. A hot-button issue for Manila has been the management of the Manila Family Resource Center. Where do you stand on this issue?

I voted to transfer management to RCM. Given what I had seen other Centers doing, I hoped we could expand the great services that we had provided our community for so many years and extend our outreach. RCM has proven they can grow and serve efficiently, and the specialists on staff have professional expertise that seems more suited to managing a social service project than that of an engineer managing a water and sewer facility.

3. Should the Manila CSD run recreation programs? If so, how should the programs be paid for?

Some recreation programs should be jointly run between FRC, RCM and the District. Others could be MCSD-based. I see a role for FRC to survey our community and determine what kinds of programs are most desired, needed, and would most likely benefit our youth. All programs should be community-driven and involve a user-evaluation component to measure programming quality. Grants may be sought for projects determined to be useful, but would have to be carefully managed.

4. The Manila CSD has inter-departmental debt from when it had a recreation program. How should that debt be paid down and how would you prevent future deficits?

The MCSD auditor has recommended this debt be “written off” as it is now an accounting question – money the District borrowed from one account to pay debts incurred by another account – Community Center programs. Our reserves had dropped precipitously in 2007 from overreaching and poor grant management. Careful fiscal management and responsible planning, such as we have done in the last eight years, have brought the budget into balance and we should continue these practices.

5. There’s a private, politically involved group on the Samoa Peninsula called Voices of the Peninsula. Are you a member of that group? What role should the group, and others like it, play in the governing of the Manila CSD?

I am not a member of Voices. I believe working groups are vital to democratic process. Constituencies make politics work. The Board is bound to open, transparent deliberation, yet it has become clear that two Board members very involved with Voices deny participation, and such misrepresentation is inappropriate for truly democratic governance. The Voices Newsletter is valuable for community-building, but would it be better to represent a variety of perspectives rather than a narrow agenda.

6. What park improvements would you like to see in Manila and how should they be paid for?

We should assess the value of a ball field and if useful, we should restore and promote its use. The field is not level nor uniformly green, despite an irrigation system. The “bleachers” are in severe disrepair. The trails, boardwalk, water faucets, signs are not maintained. The campground must be managed for success. Income from property taxes, rental of the Community Center can finance improvements. We may also conduct some projects collaboratively with other agencies.

7. Are there additional powers that the Manila board should take on? What additional services, if any, would you like the district to provide?

The District is small, not even 800 people according to the 2010 census. We don’t have the tax base to take responsibility for road maintenance, although we need it. I’d like to see the District be more involved with Neighborhood Watch efforts currently scattered throughout our bisected neighborhoods, and the FRC participate more systematically in the county-wide discussion of how to deal with drug abuse and homelessness that plagues our small community.

8. What is your position on removal of non-native plant species on the Manila Dunes?

I am not a specialist in this area, but according to scientists who have done extensive work in this field, the practice of removing beach grass to permit native species to repopulate the dunes is a legitimate, beneficial one. Biologists have confirmed this with specific reference to the Manila ecosystem. We have allowed a vocal minority to obscure the fact that our past efforts have been positive, “blown-out dunes” notwithstanding. We must resume restoration work.

9. How should board members respond when people disagree with them?

Respectfully, while making their own informed, considered opinions clear.

10. What’s the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What’s the worst?

BEST: I am articulate, responsible, hard-working, honest.

WORST: I am impatient in the face of insincerity or dishonesty.

11. What will you do if elected?

I will expect improved leadership in making enhancements to parks and grounds and infrastructural deficits. I will work to improve bike paths, beach trails, transportation opportunities. I will focus on identifying capital improvement projects and making sure that replacement of old equipment and outdated systems is done in a timely, cost-effective manner.

12. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

I look forward to working with a new Board that will differ without divisiveness and constructively analyze and critique proposals and policies in order to fulfill our mission – a Board that will strive to bring together our varied gifts in collaboration with other agencies, in consultation with our residents and ratepayers, to polish all of Manila’s beautiful stones so that we can shine on this magnificent coastline.



Carol Vander Meer

1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.

I am a 20 year resident of Manila, currently serve on the Food for People board of directors, am active in Rotary, and enjoy hiking and kayaking. For the past 15 years, I worked as Executive Director for Friends of the Dunes with duties that included fundraising, facility management, budget oversight, and program development. I currently work as a nonprofit consultant providing strategic planning project management services, including work for Friends of the Dunes.

2. A hot-button issue for Manila has been the management of the Manila Family Resource Center. Where do you stand on this issue?

I support the decision of the board to transfer management of the Family Resource Center to Redwood Coast Montessori (RCM). RCM has been a great tenant, improving the facilities, making the site come alive with children and their families, putting on community events and using the bay and dunes as an outdoor classroom. The staff is dedicated to reaching out to residents to ensure that the family resource center meets the needs of the community.

3. Should the Manila CSD run recreation programs? If so, how should the programs be paid for?

Before a decision is made for the CSD run recreation programs, there needs to be a clear assessment of community need, determine what recreation programs can be included as a part of the family resource center programming and determine the capacity of staff to run programs. Potential sources of funding could include, grant funding through the family resource center, fee for service programming and community fundraising at events like the kinetic sculpture race.

4. The Manila CSD has inter-departmental debt from when it had a recreation program. How should that debt be paid down and how would you prevent future deficits?

I would be inclined to take the recommendation of the District’s auditor and write off the debt recreation has to sewer and water, but if elected, I would first take time to understand the pros and cons of this recommendation. Moving forward, the board should proceed with more careful oversight of grants and be sure that our staff has the capacity to track and manage grants responsibly and make clear reports to the board

5. There’s a private, politically involved group on the Samoa Peninsula called Voices of the Peninsula. Are you a member of that group? What role should the group, and others like it, play in the governing of the Manila CSD?

I am not a member of Voices of the Peninsula. While I support residents working together to make their voices heard and be more actively involved with the community, it is important for the board to keep in mind that these are just some of the voices in Manila and they do not speak for all residents. I look forward to more open opportunities for residents with diverse perspective and interests to work together to make the community a better place.

6. What park improvements would you like to see in Manila and how should they be paid for?

At the park, evaluate opportunities for how we can improve and maintain a campground that is compatible with the neighborhood and adjust the disc golf course to accommodate both a nature trail and disc golf. Secure the staff/resources needed to actively maintain dune trails and restoration areas. This could be paid for by a combination of strategies including collaboration with community partners and conservation agencies, district discretionary funds, carefully administered grants funds and community fundraising.

7. Are there additional powers that the Manila board should take on? What additional services, if any, would you like the district to provide?

At this point, I would not recommend the Manila board take on additional powers, but I hope that the board can help facilitate and support community-driven efforts to address health and safety issues that may be beyond the board’s official jurisdiction. Some of the issues that I am particularly interested in include bicycle and pedestrian trails, traffic calming improvements to 255, and helping address homelessness in our community.

8. What is your position on removal of non-native plant species on the Manila Dunes?

I am a supporter of bringing back native habitat diversity by removing invasive species. Manila needs to update its restoration management plan take into account both ecological and human constraints and identify a qualified restoration/lands manager. I look forward to working with the board and staff to find ways to address this need whether it entails securing funds to hire staff, contracting with an outside entity, or looking into conservation agreements with appropriate partners.

9. How should board members respond when people disagree with them?

It is critical that board members be good listeners, treat people with respect and remain professional. The most powerful thing that a board member can do is to try to find the common ground with a person who disagrees with them. This can help diffuse a tense situation. Board members need to stay open to differing perspectives, but then integrate their understanding with the different opinions expressed in order to come to a thoughtful decision.

10. What’s the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What’s the worst?

I am a good listener and open to different perspectives. I have experience working with community partners and pulling together resources to get things done. I am a big picture person and like to take action to accomplish goals but can get impatient with details and bureaucracy that impedes forward progress.

11. What will you do if elected?

I will listen to community members and fellow board members and treat them with respect, take time to study financials so that I can uphold my responsibility to make sure the district is financially sound, actively participate in community events so that I can be accessible to residents and get a sign installed at the community center, letting visitors know that it is open to all to enjoy the beautiful beach and dunes.

12. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

I love Manila, and would be honored to have the opportunity to serve on the board and work on behalf of its residents to continue improve the health and well being of the community.



Carla Leopardo

1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.

I moved to Humboldt County in 1991 to attend HSU. I have a degree in Wildlife Management and currently manage a flooring store in downtown Arcata. I fell in love with Manila’s dunes and beaches after living successively in McKinleyville, Blue Lake and Arcata. I moved to Manila in 2005 and have raised two children here. I take full advantage of all that Manila has to offer at every opportunity!

2. A hot-button issue for Manila has been the management of the Manila Family Resource Center. Where do you stand on this issue?

I support the decision by the board to transfer management of the Family Resource Center to Redwood Coast Montessori and I look forward to seeing the great things Bryan Little will be able to do. In the meantime, I will be eager to work with the Manila CSD staff toward making other improvements to our community and its infrastructure.

3. Should the Manila CSD run recreation programs? If so, how should the programs be paid for?

Manila CSD should act as the landlord and caretaker of the facility and be involved as a resource to assist recreation planning as it relates to the size and scope of programs and events taking place there under the management of the FRC. Manila CSD should approve logistical plans for classes, programs and events so they move forward in a safe manner with low impact on the facility, dunes and surrounding neighborhood.

4. The Manila CSD has inter-departmental debt from when it had a recreation program. How should that debt be paid down and how would you prevent future deficits?

The Manila CSD auditor has recommended the district write off this debt and the board should follow this recommendation. This will allow Manila CSD to move forward and focus on running the district using fiscal restraint with oversight by the board, as they have done for the past four years.

5. There’s a private, politically involved group on the Samoa Peninsula called Voices of the Peninsula. Are you a member of that group? What role should the group, and others like it, play in the governing of the Manila CSD?

It is a good idea to give citizens a forum to receive information and interact. I am not a member of the group but from what little I have seen, I enjoyed several features in their newsletter, including the History Notes, notices about upcoming events etc. Private groups should have a say in what happens in their community but to no greater degree than any individual citizen.

6. What park improvements would you like to see in Manila and how should they be paid for?

I would like to see improved trails that are clearly signed and designated so disc golfers and walkers are able to enjoy the park without conflict. I would also like to see improvements to the tennis courts and bathrooms. But safety should be our ultimate concern. The board, along with the community, should work toward a plan to reduce crime and drug activity in the park and bus stop vicinity.

7. Are there additional powers that the Manila board should take on? What additional services, if any, would you like the district to provide?

I do not presume to know, at this point, what additional powers the board should take on. I look forward to sitting on the board for a period of time, getting to know the process and then seeing if there are directions we should go in based on the needs of the community. As stated earlier however, I would be interested in working toward improvements to infrastructure, safety and continued fiscal responsibility.

8. What is your position on removal of non-native plant species on the Manila Dunes?

I understand the nervousness of my neighbors who are worried about destabilization of the dunes however the board is tasked with protecting and restoring Manila’s natural resources. I support good stewardship and I believe we are very lucky to have Friends of the Dunes here in our neighborhood. The efforts of any individual or organization must be monitored closely with an eye toward keeping the dunes healthy and accessible

9. How should board members respond when people disagree with them?

The board must listen when community members address them in a civil manner. The board president must keep the meeting flowing, and this sometimes includes cutting remarks short when citizens go long or are not staying on topic. We must be civil and respect each other and each other’s opinions and look for common ground.

10. What’s the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What’s the worst?

Having worked in customer service for many years, I have experience working toward resolution of conflict and finding solutions to problems. As a moderate and respectful person, I strive to listen to all sides in a conflict before reaching a conclusion. Up to this point, my civic engagement has been limited. I am working to change this.

11. What will you do if elected?


I will strive to understand the issues at hand before attending meetings. I will listen to my neighbors. I will work diligently and collaboratively toward voting on each matter in a way that has a positive effect on my community. I will work to see that the board stays on topic at meetings and does the best they can within the parameters of their mandate to fulfill the needs of the community.

12. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

I love Manila and hope to be here for many years to come so it is time for me to become involved in the process of effecting positive change. I look forward to collaborating with community members and the Manila CSD Board in an effort to make Manila a safer, more comfortable and vibrant place to live!

Candidates for the Manila CSD

The *Union* invited the six candidates running for three seats on the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors to answer questions. Below are their unedited responses. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3.



Daniel O'Leary

1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.
64 yrs spouse Peggy, married 36 yrs. Manila resident 36 year Prior board member 10 yrs. Prior Navy 4 yrs U.S.C.G.R. 14 yrs retired.

2. A hot-button issue for Manila has been the management of the Manila Family Resource Center. Where do you stand on this issue?
Occupancy rental offsets district expenses of the structures. Usage security against vandalism opportunity

3. Should the Manila CSD run recreation programs? If so, how should the programs be paid for?
Income from park community center reservation for groups. not reserves

4. The Manila CSD has inter-departmental debt from when it had a recreation program. How should that debt be paid down and how would you prevent future deficits?
Review fiscal reports of accountants of previous years. Compare funds allocated to real costs

5. There's a private, politically involved group on the Samoa Peninsula called Voices of the Peninsula. Are you a member of that group? What role should the group, and others like it, play in the governing of the Manila CSD?
No. In public input

6. What park improvements would you like to see in Manila and how should they be paid for?
The vandalism potential offsets improvement

7. Are there additional powers that the Manila board should take on? What additional services, if any, would you like the district to provide?
'Voices of the Peninsula' expected to arbitrate future powers and services. Board members seek public input.

8. What is your position on removal of non-native plant species on the Manila Dunes?
Improbable effort. Good luck. Sand blowing almost equal to ATV use.

9. How should board members respond when people disagree with them?
Treat with respect the differences, and accept there rational.

10. What's the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What's the worst?
Patience. Looking for financial externalitys and potential effects

11. What will you do if elected?
Review "Roberts Rules of Order" Brown Act, end of year fiscal reports of CPA's.

12. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?

MANILA FORUM The League of Women Voters will hold a candidates forum on Thursday, Oct. 29 for the six candidates running for three open seats on the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors. The forum begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr. in Manila.

And the winner is...



PULLED FROM THE PUMPKIN
Nicole "Coco" Maki draws the winners. JD | UNION

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ARCATA – On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Nicole “Coco” Maki, head chef at PastaLuego, drew the winning entries for our “Where’s that Union Jack?” contest.

From Aug. 19 to Sept. 16, *Union* readers diligently sought out Union Jack as the feisty little fellow peeped out from ads throughout our Back to School editions. Twenty-five readers submitted the correct answers, which were:

Aug. 19: Jessicurl

Aug. 26: Northern California Community Blood Bank

Sept. 2: Six Rivers Brewery

Sept. 9: Humboldt Patient Resource Center

Sept. 16: Jay Sooter’s Pure Water Spas

Winners received gift certificates from Plaza Grill/Abruzzi/Moonstone Grill or PastaLuego, tickets for Finnish Country Sauna and Tubs, subscriptions to the *Union* and/or copies of *The Police Log II: The Nimrod Imbroglios*. Congratulations to third prize winner Liz Roth of McKinleyville, second prize winner Sheila Lovio of Arcata and grand prize winner Gail Slaughter of McKinleyville!

Look for Union Jack in future editions of the *Union*.



Beverly Prosser

1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.
Beverly Prosser. I have lived in Manila for 45 years, raised my family here, and am proud of my home and community. I've seen much positive change over the years. As a community, we tackled the difficult task of providing sewer to our homes and acquired for our community our own beach, dunes, and bayside properties. As a volunteer and former employee of the District, I know first hand that we live in a wonderful caring community.

2. A hot-button issue for Manila has been the management of the Manila Family Resource Center. Where do you stand on this issue?
In July, the Board voted unanimously to transfer management of the family resource center (FRC) to Redwood Coast Montessori (RCM). The Board worked towards agreeing on an acceptable Memorandum of Understanding between MCSD and RCM, and was approved in September. The MOU transfers family resource center funding from the County and First Five grants and center inventory to RCM. I look forward to a new energized FRC that provides outreach to and services for our community.

3. Should the Manila CSD run recreation programs? If so, how should the programs be paid for?
The District offered many recreation opportunities in the past, including after school and summer programming with many fun activities for youth, such as swimming lessons, surf instruction, camping, sports, outdoor education. The District-operated family resource center offered computer labs, Teenship, and family services. I look forward to programming offered through Redwood Coast Montessori's Plan of Action for recreation programming and resource center services. Programming could be funded through the RCM grants and other fundraising.

4. The Manila CSD has inter-departmental debt from when it had a recreation program. How should that debt be paid down and how would you prevent future deficits?
It should be noted that inter-departmental debt is shared by several departments, including community center, recreation, restoration and the highway safety committee. I am not convinced that recreation programs ran deficits. Grants work by reimbursements, which means generally that grant funds are expended and then reimbursed. I would like to see the detail regarding the reimbursements. Careful fiscal oversight and regular detailed financials of District income and expense for the board's consideration are a requisite.

5. There's a private, politically involved group on the Samoa Peninsula called Voices of the Peninsula. Are you a member of that group? What role should the group, and others like it, play in the governing of the Manila CSD?
Voices of the Peninsula was started by individuals from the Samoa Peninsula, who care about community members' voices being heard in matters that affect them, involving our neighborhoods, open spaces, how we get around, governing at the local level and arts and cultural activities that build community. As Spokesperson for our advocacy group, Voices, I am proud of our community cultural assessment, quarterly newsletters, input at local meetings, and look forward to future community projects.

6. What park improvements would you like to see in Manila and how should they be paid for?
A walk through our parklands suggests the need for maintenance and upgrades to signage, fencing, and structures. Special meetings to gather input from neighbors would help to solve problems inherent with parklands. A commission could advise the Board with concrete plans to address concerns and follow through. Let's make our beautiful parks, located in the most incredible natural landscapes, accessible, safe, and welcoming. Funding streams for improvements could include fundraising, grants, fees/rentals, and/or property taxes.

7. Are there additional powers that the Manila board should take on? What additional services, if any, would you like the district to provide?
Besides water, sewer, and recreation, the District has powers of drainage and lighting through LAFCO. The District has provided needed drainage improvements in the past and presently provides some community lighting near its facilities. I would support improvements that would benefit the community and that were needed and funded as well as approved by the board.


8. What is your position on removal of non-native plant species on the Manila Dunes?
The District's mission includes protection of natural resources. The District adopted the Manila Dunes Access Plan as well as a Restoration Management Plan. I believe in diversity and support diversity of native plants in our landscapes. Many issues have arisen since acquisition of our parklands. Presently the Board is waiting for a definitive report from the Dunes Cooperative, a group including MCSD, BLM and Fish & Wildlife, regarding land management for biodiversity of the dunes.

9. How should board members respond when people disagree with them?
I think that Board members should listen, acknowledge, and consider public input before voting on matters that affect us. I will provide a moderate voice, respect, and open-minded consideration of matters that come before the Board. Board members in turn should come to meetings well informed.

10. What's the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What's the worst?
I have a lot of history in Manila and love this community and its people. I have attended board meetings since discussions focused on implementing sewer, operating Manila Park, acquiring our dunes and community center. While living in Manila, I attended HSU and earned my teaching credential and Masters in Environmental Education focusing on Manila programming. I care for our community and will put people's priorities before my own. My worst is being perennially optimistic.

10. What will you do if elected?
I will represent our community to the best of my knowledge and abilities. I will focus on sound fiscal management for all departments. I will endeavor to update District policies. I feel the future of the District's welfare is preventive maintenance, so that our systems do not fail. Lastly, I think it is imperative that the board functions as a team in order to accomplish its goals and I will act accordingly.

11. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?
I will help to unite and build community through vital projects - tsunami preparedness, walking paths, and preservation of Manila's rich history of musicians and artists through film and script. I will network with local agencies to bring before the board consideration of innovative, environmentally friendly projects for water and energy conservation, such as rain water gutter collection systems and solar conversions, in order to save ratepayers from pumping wastewater uphill.



Susan Opalach

1. Who are you? Give us a mini-bio.
SUSAN OPALACH. I have enjoyed living in Manila for ten years, raising my family and tending my organic garden. I have served on Manila CSD Commissions and Committees, with Teenship and Recreation and continue to volunteer for local events and services. I am a 4-H Leader with the Coastal Grove Charter School and conduct 4-H Petting Zoo opportunities county wide. I work at Peninsula Union Elementary School. I am an active volunteer with Voices of the Peninsula.

2. A hot-button issue for Manila has been the management of the Manila Family Resource Center. Where do you stand on this issue?
The Board voted unanimously to transfer management of the resource center to Redwood Coast Montessori contingent on an acceptable agreement for the transfer. I feel the Board approved an agreement that did not include language to provide adequate outreach or a Plan of Action that would provide meaningful services for our peninsula communities. I would like the charter school to offer services and total commitment to our communities.

3. Should the Manila CSD run recreation programs? If so, how should the programs be paid for?
In the past Manila CSD offered free after school and summer programs. Activities for children and teens included swimming lessons, camping trips, rafting, arts, crafts, homework help, and computer lab. Redwood Community Montessori offered to provide after school and summer programming for the local communities in their sample Plan of Action to the Board of Directors. I look forward to RCM providing services now that they are a single tenant at the community center.

4. The Manila CSD has inter-departmental debt from when it had a recreation program. How should that debt be paid down and how would you prevent future deficits?
The inter-departmental debt includes debt from several departments and committees, including Community Center, Recreation, Restoration, and the Highway Safety Committee. I believe there is an inter-departmental debt policy and two loan resolutions adopted by the board. Presently the board has agreed to pay a yearly sum to pay off inter-departmental debt. The Board can prevent future deficits with careful oversight of the District's financials and making sound policy and financial decisions.

5. There's a private, politically involved group on the Samoa Peninsula called Voices of the Peninsula. Are you a member of that group? What role should the group, and others like it, play in the governing of the Manila CSD?
Voices of the Peninsula, a group of individuals from the Samoa Peninsula, who care about having community members' voices be heard in matters that affect them, is similar to groups such as Friends of the Dunes and League of Women who advocate to local agencies, such as Manila CSD and Samoa Peninsula Fire District, regarding policy and activities peninsula wide. I am a proud member of Voices, helping the community cultural assessment and community newsletters.

6. What park improvements would you like to see in Manila and how should they be paid for?
There have been many neighborhood concerns about the park campground. If elected I would be willing to take part in a committee that engages the neighbors of Manila Park, possibly a door-to-door survey and/or a special meeting that makes the extra effort to specifically invite neighbors of the park to voice their concerns and give their suggestions as to how to address these concerns. Costs could come from fees, fundraising, grant writing, and/or property taxes.

7. Are there additional powers that the Manila board should take on? What additional services, if any, would you like the district to provide?
The District has powers for water, sewer, recreation (parks and recreation-related programs), drainage, and lighting. The District has provided limited drainage solutions in the past and pays for lighting in and around District properties. I support future projects related to these powers as needed and approved by the board.

8. What is your position on removal of non-native plant species on the Manila Dunes?
I support diversity of the native plants of the peninsula sand dunes. Non-native plant species such as European Beach Grass smother the native plants. Presently our larger agencies, such as Fish and Wildlife and Bureau of Land Management are working together with local involved groups and agencies through the Dunes Cooperative, to develop a report for Manila CSD Board regarding peninsula-wide restoration. I support responsible cooperative management.

9. How should board members respond when people disagree with them?
Board members should listen, respect opinions, thank them for their input, and make decisions based on all public input and what is best for the community. I will act with the best interest of our District, maintaining sound fiscal policy. I believe that Board members should come to meetings well-informed and without preconceived outcomes.

10. What's the best of your qualities that you can bring to the board? What's the worst?
I am motivated to be of service in cultivating an inclusive democratic Manila CSD Board of Directors that recognizes its community. I care about creating opportunities for public input on matters that affect them. I hope to improve life in our Manila Community through special events, and promoting green activities.

I will be efficient conducting MCSD monthly meetings. I have experience making things work - financially and socially - maintaining sound fiscal policy.

11. What will you do if elected?
I will work as team player, being part of a respectful, thoughtful, caring Board. I will provide careful deliberation for all matters coming before the Board. I support sound financial management of the District. I will support efforts towards fundraising with my experience and knowledge of special events. I support a District that moves forward into the future with green activities. I will support establishing a commission, that reports to the Board, on local issues.

12. Is there any additional information, ideas or opinions that you would like to share?
Last December, a Board Ad Hoc Committee, suggested turning over management of Manila Park to Friends of the Dunes. I believe the Manila CSD is capable of managing its assets. For years the Manila community had a Park and Recreation Commission that advised the Board on its assets and fundraised for community improvements. At the visioning, the community voted strongly in favor of reestablishing a commission. I believe the Board should reestablish its commission.

Former APD Chief Mel Brown passes away



Mel Brown

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MCKINLEYVILLE – Former Arcata Police Chief Mel Brown passed away over the weekend. Details are unclear as the *Union* goes to press.
The affable, no-nonsense Brown is credited with ushering the Arcata Police Department (APD) into the 21st century. He helped create the innovative Prop 215 identification cards to minimize legal entanglements for medical cannabis patients and alleviate the enforcement burden for police. This earned him a spot on the cover of *TIME* magazine.
“Everyone is special; no one is extra special,” Brown used to say.
Brown served as an APD officer from 1972 to 1979; as sergeant from 1979 to 1982; as lieutenant from 1982 to 1990; and as police chief from 1990 until 2000.

Fitness | 40 to 60 employees at new club

❖ **FROM A1**
The facility will include a juice bar, stationary bicycles, weightlifting equipment, locker rooms, steam rooms and a large multipurpose room for exercise classes.
The center will offer various fitness classes. There will be from 40 to 60 employees. “Not only does McKinleyville need this club, but we’re proud of the opportunity to

provide jobs to our community,” Moore-head said.
The Club at Mill Creek is expected to open in the fall of 2016. Closer to the opening date, information on club membership and dues will be released.
The fitness center was designed by local architect Philippe Lapotre and the building is being constructed by McKenny Construction.



SAY MY NAME
WHAT SHOULD IT BE CALLED? The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) is currently accepting proposals for naming the new teen and community center currently under construction at Pierson Park. Naming proposals may be submitted by any McKinleyville resident, organization, business or property owner. Proposals will be reviewed and vetted by a naming committee selected by MCSD staff. Up to three proposed names will be submitted to the MCSD Board of Directors for final selection and approval. Proposals must be submitted in writing using the “Commemorative Naming and Dedication of McKinleyville Community Services District Facilities Application” and follow the guidelines and criteria set forth in the “Policy for Commemorative Naming and Dedication of McKinleyville Community Services District Facilities.” **Deadline to submit proposals for the naming of the center is this Friday, Oct. 16. Both the policy and the application can be viewed at mckinleyvillecsd.com.**
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ORICK OUTREACH Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Mobile Outreach will be at the Orick Community Resource Center on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors to the bus can be assisted with CalFresh, MediCal, in-home supportive services, veterans services and child support. Humboldt County Mental Health Clinicians will provide on board counseling and can link clients up with supportive case management. For more information about program services, call (707) 441-4650.

Refugee | ‘It’s so dangerous’

❖ **FROM A1**
the United States for one year.
Abdullah attends Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy (NPA), where he blends in with the general mill of high school students. With a big friendly smile, his eyes crinkle behind his Ferrari brand glasses as he shuffles into class with his group of friends.
Though Abdullah has found his niche, adjusting to his new life was difficult in the beginning. “I was excited to come to the U.S. ... but when I came here I became homesick. What am I doing here? Why did I leave my friends and family? I don’t have anybody,” Abdullah said.
He noticed that families are not as close-knit in the U.S. and that the community appears less united.
“Here everybody just takes their food and goes to their room,” he said.
Abdullah has remained in close contact via phone with his family, which consists of his father, mother and little brother. They update Abdullah about the conditions in the country.
Though Abdullah has been absent from the present turmoil in Yemen the country has been unstable before this. “Yemen was one of the longest revolutions [in the

1990s], and I lived through all of it ... it was hard.”
He described the difficulty of finding resources, such as waiting days for gasoline. “People [take turns] sleeping in their cars ... Life is so different. Everybody is helping each other, everybody is supporting each other.”
Abdullah’s family had to evacuate as the conflict became too violent. “My dad thought it’d be fine but then it went longer. It became really dangerous, and that’s why my family decided to leave. It was really hard for them to get out of the country,” he said. Abdullah’s parents went through a long process in order to evacuate, including hiking with their belongings 10 miles along the Somaliland border, in a complicated process to obtain visas to Saudi Arabia. They had to remain in Saudi Arabia for a set amount of time before finally arriving in Turkey.
Abdullah recounted the last time his father saw their home, it had numerous gunshots through it and had been broken into. “At the beginning it was fine, we were already used to this, it was just an extension of the revolution ... But it’s getting serious right now,” Abdullah said. Though many have evacuated for their safety, Abdullah

explains that in Yemen, people are not as willing to leave their homes, including him. “I felt bad because I kind of wanted to go back, but I can’t. It’s so dangerous.”
People in the Humboldt community have come together to support Abdullah. “People were nice to me. [NPA Principal] Jean Bazemore supported me a lot,” Abdullah said.
Bazemore organized students from Abdullah’s class to write President Obama a letter pleading to allow Abdullah to remain in the United States. “I think the community came together to support Abdul,” Liam Achteberg-Munoz said. Achteberg-Munoz, a friend of Abdullah, took it upon himself to edit the letter.
Scheduled to return home in May 2015, Abdullah found himself stranded in the U.S. unable to return. The U.S. Department of State funds the YES program, and sent all Yemeni students stuck in the United States to a summer camp in Bedford, Virginia, called Global Youth Village until they would be able to return home. Unfortunately, the situation in Yemen has not improved and the students’ stay has been extended another year.
The Yemeni students were given the option to relocate elsewhere in the U.S., but Abdullah chose to return to Arcata. “I wanted to stay in Humboldt because I have friends and everyone supported me. I have



WHERE IS YEMEN? Yemen is located at the southern end of the Arabian Peninsula and is bordered by Saudi Arabia to the north.
people who love me here, and I love them,” Abdullah said.
Hakenen, a parent at NPA, and her family decided to host Abdullah this year, even though they are already hosting a student from Russia.
“We really care about Abdul ... It was the right thing to do,” she said.
Hakenen is working hard to support Abdullah as he applies to Humboldt State University and prepares for his uncertain future.

Arreaga | Witnesses change their stories

❖ **FROM A1**
fire broke out.
But when Deputy District Attorney Zachary Curtis rested his case at the end of last week, he had not provided the jury with either a syllable of testimony or the slightest physical evidence of what those objects might have been.
They were not even mentioned by the detectives and a state forensics expert who testified for the prosecution, leaving the 12-person jury and four alternates to wonder what Curtis had been referring to in his opening statement about unidentified “objects.”
Nor has Public Defender Heidi Holmquist quizzed witnesses about what Harley Hammers and Tully supposedly brandished as they got out of Harley Hammers’ maroon Nissan Maxima in the driveway. Unquestionably, it would be in the defense’s interest to inform the jury of the “objects” that Arreaga found threatening. Holmquist could have argued that her client acted in self-defense against the allegedly armed couple, but she has not so much as implied that as a motive.
Nor has any evidence been offered that Arreaga suffered defensive wounds in the fatal encounter in front of the derelict travel trailer of Angelique Ellers at 4406 Fieldbrook Rd.
One conjectural motive is that Arreaga believed he was defending his girlfriend at the time, Carly Michaels, who was in the trailer in bed sleeping off a meth, heroin and alcohol hangover when she heard gunfire.
Now recovering despite a relapse in April, Michaels testified that she heard Arreaga yelling at Tully, “No, you can’t go in there [the trailer], that’s my girl in there, that’s my girl in there!”
Michaels said she did not see the shooting, nor did she see Arreaga’s gun or Harley Hammers fleeing from the driveway.
“I did not see a man running away from the scene,” Michaels testified, although she saw Tully’s bloodstained body lying next to the open passenger door of a shoddy Honda hatchback in the semicircular driveway. The car belonged to a third party with a long history of crime and meth addiction, Jerry Bachus. Bachus had stopped by the Eller residence casually and was not a suspect. He testified that Tully yelled and banged on the trailer when she got out of Harley Hammers’ Maxima, intent on quarreling with Harley Hammers’ ex-wife, Shavonne, inside.
Arreaga was relaxing in his father’s gold Buick Regal – sleeping off a meth fog – when the Maxima pulled up and stopped alongside a sylvan cluster of redwoods opposite the trailer, according to Bachus. As Tully approached the trailer from the passenger’s seat, Harley Hammers exited from the driver’s side.

Harley Hammers “sees me” nearby, Bachus related and then, referring to Arreaga, Harley Hammers yells, “That guy is the motherfucker that shot at my motherfucking feet!”
The outburst referred to a confrontation earlier in the day at the same location – which the defense has not disputed – that Arreaga fired two warning shots at Harley Hammers’ feet when he and Tully showed up to confront Shavonne Hammers, who was furious about her husband’s affair with Tully, her closest friend from childhood.
Shavonne Hammers had billeted with Arreaga and Michaels in Eller’s trailer when they arrived unannounced in the wee hours of Sept. 3, 2014. The alleged murders occurred at about 5 p.m. the same day.
Bachus testified that he had known both Harley Hammers and Tully since childhood; they attended school together in McKinleyville. He was also well-acquainted with Ellers and Shavonne Hammers. All the parties at the crime scene, including the victims, had been using hard drugs and were card-carrying members of Humboldt’s third world *demimonde*, Arreaga apart.
Bachus claimed he was facing in Harley Hammers’ direction as the victim left his car to confront Arreaga. Bachus acknowledged he did not see Arreaga’s gun but claimed the defendant was holding it behind his blue windbreaker.
“It was in his hand, I saw him pointing it,” but “I did not see the gun, no,” he told the court. Cross-examined by Holmquist, he asserted, “For sure I saw Angel get shot. She was coming back from the trailer.”
A year ago, however, Bachus told investigators, “I don’t remember anything,” according to a Sheriff’s Office transcript. Holmquist accused him of changing his story 180 degrees on the witness stand in exchange for being freed from jail. He had been confined overnight for absconding prematurely from the courthouse under a subpoena to testify.
Holmquist adopts a hard, inquisitorial tone when she senses prevarication and mendacity in a witness and she taxed Bachus with the fact that his testimony was “a totally different story” from his original statements to detectives 13 months ago.
Unfazed and obstinate, Bachus retorted, “It’s the truth!” Holmquist pressed Bachus about whether he was testifying against Arreaga in exchange for being released from jail, and being ordered to testify.
“I just want to get out of jail today,” Bachus answered, unrepentant.
He was the second state’s witness to recant his original statements to law enforcement and claim to have witnessed the murders, at least in part.
In another about-face, Fieldbrook lawn keeper and prosecution witness Rodney Coombes had testified the

week before Bachus that Arreaga brandished his pistol at him and yelled “Do you want some of this?!”
Pointing to Arreaga at the defense table as the man with the gun, Coombes said murder victim Harley Hammers “got shot three times as he’s running down the driveway.” Like Bachus, Coombes pointed at the defendant.
Coombes said he followed Harley Hammers as they both ran from the flying bullets.
Although Coombes’s surprise testimony reinforced Curtis’s strong ballistics case against Arreaga, Holmquist confronted Coombes the same way she did Bachus later. A police transcript recorded Coombes stating a year ago, “I never seen him shoot nobody.”
“I know I didn’t say that,” Coombes insisted. “They must have misunderstood me.”
Coombes said he wanted to hear the recording and Holmquist indicated that was a possibility, but she has not returned to it.
When the state rested its case last Friday, she uttered no word on whether she would call her client to take the witness stand on his own behalf.
As for motive, Holmquist argues that Shavonne Hammers, unlike the out-of-towner Arreaga, was intensely jealous, angry and bristling with resentment at her ex-husband and his lover. Again and again, the public defender has elicited testimony from multiple witnesses about Shavonne Hammers’ Olympian drug abuse, violent temper, erratic behavior and incendiary language, in a bid to persuade jurors that they should weigh the possibility that she is a plausible alternative suspect.
But Holmquist has provided no evidence that Shavonne Hammers, now recovering from addiction, had possession of the undisputed murder weapon, a .380 caliber pistol with a nine-cartridge magazine.
No fingerprint evidence has been presented in the trial – the gun was recovered from Arreaga’s Buick – and Holmquist has marshaled no evidence that Shavonne Hammers was present in the Eller driveway when Harley Hammers and Tully were shot. Witness testimony has consistently placed both Shavonne Hammers and Carly Michaels in Eller’s trailer when the murders occurred.
Arreaga denied all knowledge and involvement in the double slaying when he was interviewed by county sheriff’s investigators about an hour after his arrest at a traffic stop south of Eureka.
Jurors watched a courtside screening of the interview in which Arreaga, complaining of fatigue and anxiety, stated without equivocation, “I didn’t do shit ... I don’t know nut-hin’ about any shooting ... I don’t know what you’re talkin’ about; I don’t know what happened.”
When Humboldt County Sheriff lead investigator Gregory Musson informed Arreaga, “I’ve got you for homicide,” the suspect exclaimed wearily, “Oh my God.”

PUBLIC SAFETY

Hoopa gets grant to beef up policing

Sheriff ends 20-year agreement

Patrick Evans
MAD RIVER UNION

HOOPA – Hoopa Valley Tribal Police will be able to qualify for federal deputization under an agreement signed with the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs last week.

Hoopa Valley Tribal Council Chairman Ryan Jackson said the agreement would allow Hoopa Valley Police to be deputized as federal peace officers and enforce federal laws.

“All our officers’ current information is on file and ready to go,” Jackson said.

The agreement was finalized a few weeks after the Hoopa Valley Tribe received \$1,234,399 from the federal government for law enforcement and community services such as youth substance abuse prevention and programs working to prevent violence against women.

The grant was awarded to five Northern California tribes by the U.S. Justice Department on Sept. 25.

The \$5.2 million grant was divided between the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, the Round Valley Indian Tribes, Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Yurok Tribe.

The Justice Department grant and Hoopa Valley’s federal deputization agreement were also announced just after the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office canceled an agreement that allowed Hoopa Valley Tribal Police to enforce state laws.

“The previous council wanted more Sheriff’s involvement,” Jackson said.

“They offered the [police] program for the Sheriff to administer,” Jackson said.

Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office ended a 20-year-old Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Sheriff’s Office and the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council on Sept. 23. The agreement gave deputy status to qualified Hoopa Valley Police, allowing them to enforce state law on tribal land.

Jackson said the Hoopa Valley Council was not relying on the Sheriff’s Office for public safety. The Hoopa Valley Police would be working with or without the agreement he added.

“We aren’t hamstrung by this,” he said.

Sheriff Michael Downey said he ended the MOU because Hoopa Valley no longer has enough qualified officers to respond to calls.

Over the last few years Hoopa Valley’s police force dropped from 12 officers to four, only one of whom is now deputized.

“I cannot sustain a program based on that low number of personnel,” Downey said.

Downey added that the Sheriff’s Office would soon have eight officers on duty in the Hoopa, Willow Creek and Orleans area.

Chairman Jackson said that he could not understand why the Sheriff’s Office considered one deputized officer in Hoopa Valley as a reason to end the deputization agreement.

Jackson said that the Yurok Tribe, which has a similar MOU with the Sheriff’s Office, also only has one deputized officer but their program had not been terminated.

Jackson said the increase in Sheriff’s officers in the area had come too late, and the Sheriff’s Office should have increased its presence several years ago.

Sheriff Downey said that the Sheriff’s Office has been responsible for its law enforcement duties in the Hoopa Valley area in the past.

“We’ve always been there,” Downey said.

“We respond to all major crimes on tribal land. Our presence has been reduced, but we still maintain our activities,” he said.

Downey said he supported Hoopa Valley Police being deputized as state peace officers in the future if the force increases its personnel.

“That’s up to them,” he said.

Downey said he had submitted new conditions for his MOU, and he was willing to work with the Hoopa Valley Council on the agreement.

“I’m not opposed to a new memorandum,” Downey said.

Chairman Jackson said that the Hoopa Valley Council was negotiating a new MOU with the Sheriff’s Office, but the Sheriff’s Office was asking for access to crime statistics, control over Hoopa Valley Police officers and control of funding. He said the council considered the changes in the agreement an affront to Hoopa Valley’s sovereignty.

“We are firm believers in self-determination,” Jackson said. “We are a sovereign nation.”

MEASURE A ON TNT Measure A, which would increase funding for the Arcata Fire Protection District via a special property tax, is this week’s topic on *Thursday Night Talk* on KHSU 90.5 FM. Host Brenda Starr talks with Arcata Fire District Chief Desmond Cowan and Measure A opponent Scott Baker. Tune in and join this lively discussion Thursday, Oct. 15 beginning at 7 p.m. Call in questions to (707) 826-4805.

ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ARCATA – On Saturday, Oct. 10 just before 12:30 a.m., Arcata Fire District responded to the 3000 block of Alliance Road for a report of a vehicle collision into a building with fire and entrapment.

The first arriving engine reported a vehicle collision into a barn with flames coming from under the vehicle. The interior of the vehicle filled with smoke as the two-person engine crew prepared for fire attack while searching for the trapped person inside the vehicle.

Arcata Police officers arrived on scene before the engine and assisted a good Samaritan in removing an individual from the burning vehicle. The occupant of the vehicle was taken to a nearby hospital by ambulance and the fire crews continued to extinguish



ON SCENE Firefighters deal with the crash aftermath.



BARN BURNER The results of a vehicle vs. barn collision. PHOTOS COURTESY ARCATA FIRE

the fire.

The vehicle had a significant fuel leak causing rapid fire spread. This proved to be a challenge to firefighters,

as there was a potential for fire extension and structural collapse of the barn.

Battalion Chief Sean Campbell stated that, “Having firefighters on the engine immediately available for calls like this one can be the difference between a positive and negative outcome. Had the vehicle been occupied by multiple people, this would have ended differently.”

No other injuries were reported and the cause of the fire to the vehicle is still under investigation. Arcata Fire District responded with three engines and a chief officer and requested mutual aid from Humboldt Bay Fire. Humboldt Bay Fire responded with one engine and one chief officer to provide coverage for Arcata Fire. The APD and Arcata-Mad River Ambulance also responded.

McK girl reported missing

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

McKINLEYVILLE – On Sunday, Oct. 4, at about 5:30 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a runaway juvenile. The mother wanted to report her 15-year-old daughter, Sydney Michaela Martin, as a runaway.

Sydney’s mother stated she last saw her daughter at 11:30 p.m. in McKinleyville on Saturday, Oct. 3, when Sydney went to her bedroom to go to bed. Sydney was discovered to be missing at 12:30 a.m. by her mother when she was awakened by a barking dog. Sydney’s mother does not know where her daughter could have gone.

The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office is asking for the public’s help in locating Sydney Martin, who is described as a white female, 5’7” tall, 142 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.



MISSING Have you seen Sydney Michaela Martin? PHOTO COURTESY HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

SUV causes crash on 101

MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – On Tuesday, Oct. 6 at about 2:30 p.m., Arcata Fire District responded to a two-vehicle accident on northbound U.S. Highway 101 south of School Road. The first engine arrived on scene and reported two vehicles involved with one off the roadway and another on the shoulder on fire. They also reported there were four injured patients with one pinned in the car.

According to the California Highway Patrol, Nichole Moritz was driving a Ford Mustang on southbound U.S. Highway 101 south of School Road, in the No. 1 lane directly to the rear of an unknown party who was driving an unknown black sport utility vehicle.

Kathleen Via was driving a Honda Accord on southbound U.S. Highway 101 in the No. 2 lane, immediately to the right of the sport utility vehicle. The SUV made a lane change to the right directly into the lane of the Honda. The driver of the Honda took evasive action to avoid a collision and lost control of her vehicle as it began to travel into the No. 1 lane into the path of the Ford.

The driver of the Ford took evasive action and lost control of her vehicle, which traveled across the center median and into the northbound lanes.

Alyssa Joel was driving a Honda CRV northbound on U.S. Highway 101 and was unable to avoid a collision with the oncoming Ford.

All occupants of the Ford, as well as Joel, were transported to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata. The cause of this collision remains under investigation.

Members of the public who may have witnessed this collision are asked to call the CHP at (707) 822-5981 (business hours) or (707) 268-2000 (after hours or weekends).

Busted: Grown man with children’s bikes

• Tuesday, September 29 1 a.m.

Amanda Larkin and her boyfriend got into a raging argument while driving home from a local casino. The boyfriend punched the windshield hard enough to break it. When the car pulled over, he left on foot. Larkin called 911 to report the vandalism. When deputies arrived, Larkin was sitting in the vehicle and it was still running. She smelled like booze. Larkin was turned over to the California Highway Patrol, who arrested her on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol.

1:53 a.m. People were camping in a turnout on Bald Hills Road north of Orick and someone stole their tent, laptop and backpacks.

• Thursday, October 1 6:10 p.m.

A deputy pulled over a car driven by Harvey Morris because it didn’t have a front license plate. It turned out that there were other deficiencies. Morris was arrested on suspicion of driving on a suspended license, not having a license plate and displaying false registration tabs. Morris was booked into the county jail and his car was towed.

• Sunday, October 4 2:23 a.m.

Jason Thomas ran into an ex-girlfriend in Eureka and they found that they still had some chemistry – enough that they decided to go have some fun at a casino in Blue Lake. They drank and gambled and then

decided to get a room. Later, Thomas went out to the parking lot for some reason. The ex wondered where he was and went looking for him. When she found him, they started arguing.

At some point, Thomas allegedly tried to choke the woman, but she got away. When she got back to the room, Thomas was there. In the room, he allegedly assaulted her, then left. He then returned, but the woman wouldn’t let him in, so Thomas allegedly kicked in the door and tried to steal her purse. As they fought over the purse, casino security showed up. Thomas released his grip on the purse, causing the woman to fall and hit her head on a heater vent. Thomas fled the room and was gone before deputies arrived.

8:38 a.m. An elderly blind man in McKinleyville was continually punching and scratching himself, so he was taken to Semper Virens in Eureka.

11:48 a.m. A deputy was on a foot patrol near the Hammond Trail and Murray Road when he saw Delsin Burchfield and another man walking with several bicycles. A few minutes later, the deputy was contacted by a woman who reported that her children’s bicycles had been stolen. The description of the bicycles matched those being walked by Burchfield and the other man. The deputy

searched the area and found Burchfield, who was still in possession of the bicycles. The deputy searched Burchfield’s backpack and found a glass pipe. Burchfield was arrested on suspicion of being in possession of stolen property and possession of narcotic paraphernalia and booked into the county jail.

• Monday, October 5 1:07 a.m.

A man at a casino in Trinidad slugged a woman, knocking her to the ground. The woman’s male friend came to her defense, got into a scuffle with the assaultive fellow, fell to the ground and hit his head, causing it to bleed. The identity of the guy who started the fight is unknown.

7:45 p.m. Deputies rushed to the 2300 block of Central Avenue in McKinleyville where a man was reportedly assaulting a woman. When they arrived, they discovered that the report of an assault was unfounded. Instead, they found David Dudley, drunk as a skunk, slurring his words and alternately yelling and crying. Dudley was arrested on suspicion of being drunk in public and booked into the county jail.

10:15 p.m. At a casino in Blue Lake, Agustin Delmoral Hernandez had too many drinks, so the bar cut him off. He allegedly became uncooperative and belligerent. Deputies were summoned and he was taken to the drunk tank in Eureka.

OPINIONews

Positive developments in the restoration of Arcata House services

When I tell people that I am a social worker who works with homeless people, one reaction is, “That must be so hard.”

Social work in general is hard work, but working with homeless families and individuals is no more challenging than helping people to recover from substance abuse, working with kids with disabilities to get the services they need or many other jobs.

In the past 14 years of working with homeless folks, I have found that the best and most rewarding part of this job is when people get their own place.

It was a very exciting and great day when AHP got to be part of the grand opening of the Arcata Bay Crossing — the county’s first permanent supportive housing project. This beautiful project provides single room apartments for about 40 people. The apartments are small but well laid out, each with its own kitchen and bathroom. They

are affordable and offer support to people who need it.

The week of “leasing up” we added four more beds to our permanent supportive housing program and assisted two clients from the Adult Shelter get their own homes. Humboldt Housing worked hard to make this happen and the City of Arcata gets credit for its vision in creating more housing for low income folks.

It would not have happened without the Mental Health Services Act funds that the County Health and Human Services Department contributed.

Due to the loss of grant funding at the beginning of summer, we were sadly forced to curtail our daily Emergency Shelter. As of July 1, we had eight people living there. They committed to participate in case management and saving money in their client housing account. When the ABC project opened, six were housed!



reach Program will still provide free lunches, information and referrals to people living on the streets.

In partnership with the McKinleyville Family Resource Center and five local faith congregations, we will operate the Regional Extreme Weather Shelter on nights when it is very cold or wet. When weather reports indicate, we will issue an invitation to people to come in to the Annex, take a shower, get a change of clothing and a hot meal and then be driven to one of our local churches to spend the night.

We appreciate everyone who has helped us get to this point and know that we can count on you to continue helping us work toward a community where everyone has a decent and affordable place to call home.

Karen “Fox” Olson, LCSW, has been the executive director of Arcata House Partnership since 2001. A lot has happened since then, but she still gets excited every time she hands someone a set of house keys.

Beyond butthurt, baggage, chafing dishes and whisks: elect Manila’s reformers

Meetings of the Manila town board often resemble a grudge match, with directors snarling at each other as they make accusations and counter-accusations. There is a lot of eye rolling and general nastiness. Sometimes there’s even crying.

Issues that could be resolved during a meeting or two drag on with the constant delays providing no demonstrable improvement in the final policy decisions. Sometimes board members lose all perspective and get caught up in ridiculous details, debating who originally purchased chafing dishes and whisks at the Manila Community Center.

It’s a waste of time for both district staff and the public. For the betterment of the community,

this needs to change.

On Nov. 3, residents of Manila will have an opportunity to vote for a new majority on the five-member Board of Directors of the Manila Community Services District. Voters should choose Carol Vander Meer, Carla Leopardo and Janette Bramlett to fill the three open seats. It would be naive to think that this trio can change the tenor of the board overnight, but it’s a start.

Two other candidates — Beverly Prosser and Susan Opalach — are members of Voices of the Peninsula, which describes itself as “a group of individuals from the Samoa Peninsula who care



about having community members’ voices be heard in matters that affect them.” But more often than not, the group acts like it only wants to hear the voices of those singing from the Voices-approved hymnal.

The group’s meetings are private. The public is not welcome. The group eschews social media, refusing to use Next Door Manila, Facebook or a website with a comments section. Using this technology would allow almost the entire community to be engaged and have their voices heard, but for some reason Voices stays in the shadows. There’s no dialogue because there’s no forum for it to take place.

And when there is an open discussion, like at a Manila board meeting, the response is sometimes less than graceful.

During a public comment period at a Manila meeting earlier this year, candidate Opalach stood at the dais, told everyone in the room that they should be ashamed of themselves, then stormed out of the meeting, loudly slamming the door behind her. Apparently she didn’t like the voices she heard that night.

Some of those who spoke prior to Opalach’s emotional outburst were critical of Prosser’s tenure as the director of the Manila Community Center.

Prosser was fired from her position in 2008. The program she ran racked up deficits, which the

district is still paying off today.

The district doesn’t need to return to the days of deficit spending. Nor does the district need board members prone to emotional outbursts. There are already enough displays of butthurtedness on the board.

There’s no need for more of that. The board needs mild-mannered members who do their homework, listen to the public and make sound, logical policy decisions without bringing a bunch of emotional baggage and petty beefs from the past to the table.

Vote for Carol, Carla and Jan on Nov. 3.

Jack Durham is editor of the Union and a Manila resident.

Pot regs | Environmental protections welcomed

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bill sponsored by Wood, the act is part of a three-bill package that defines a regulatory system for medical marijuana cultivation, commercial distribution and product testing.

The new regulations will create a Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation within the state’s Department of Consumer Affairs. Marijuana will be treated as an agricultural product subject to oversight by multiple state agencies, including the Department of Food and Agriculture.

Multiple licensing tiers will be established and fees and fines will pay for state and local enforcement and administration of the new system.

Wood’s bill, the Marijuana Watershed Protection Act, emerged from the North Coast’s intense concerns about environmental impacts. It calls for regulation of marijuana-related wastewater discharges and enables the expansion of an environmental protection pilot program known as the Watershed Enforcement Team.

The three legislators had a similar message, saying that medical marijuana has been legal in California since 1996 and action on regulation cannot be delayed any longer.

“We cannot ignore the challenges created by 19 years of inaction and hope that they go away, that simply hasn’t worked,” Wood said. “For 19 years we have kicked the can down the road, the time to act is now.”

Assemblymember Bonta described the state’s medical marijuana industry as “an unregulated free-for-all” lacking testing standards and adequate enforcement for badly-managed grows.

He said the new legislation will allow the state’s medical board to “crack down on physicians who are inappropriately recommending medical cannabis” and local governments will be allowed to “go above and beyond the regulatory floor that these bills provide.”

Assemblymember Lackey, the only Republican sponsor of the main bill, said he does not support marijuana legalization but medical marijuana is legal and needs to be regulated.

“Unless we want these rules written on the ballot, it’s time to come to the table,”

he continued.

A former California Highway Patrol officer, Lackey said “stoned drivers” are a safety threat. One of the bills establishes a research center at the University of California San Diego. “What they’re going to do is determine the impairing components of cannabis,” he said, which will lead to development of “scientifically-researched” field sobriety tests.

County Supervisor Mark Lovelace said the medical marijuana industry “now dwarfs the timber industry, even at its prime” yet “remains virtually unregulated.”

He added that “unwillingness to elevate marijuana from a punchline to a policy issue has given this industry unique immunity from all taxes, bookkeeping standards, labor laws and environmental regulations — which in turn has made it a magnet for criminals and those who don’t care what wreckage they leave in their wake.”

Lovelace said socially-conscious growers cannot compete against the black market. The North Coast has “a certain cultural advantage” in lobbying for new regulations, he added. “We are ready to regulate this industry,” he continued.

Sheriff Mike Downey said his office is ready to adapt to that. “For the things we have going on in Humboldt County, we need some type of legislation that will help us,” he said.

Dan Ehresman, the executive director of the North Coast Environmental Center, has been a high-profile advocate of marijuana-related environmental law enforcement. He said the new legislation will be “a vast improvement to the ongoing lawlessness that is despoiling rivers, salmon populations and adversely impacting so many lives.”

Returning to the podium, Wood said that a state excise tax system for marijuana was pulled from the legislation but will be reintroduced as a separate bill in January.

He forecasted that the governor would approve the package of bills, which Brown did on Oct. 9, two days before deadline.

Wood said that the new regulations will take effect in January 2018.

Creamery District gets regulatory relief

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — It’s all systems go for Arcata’s resurgent Creamery District, now that the Arcata City Council has approved a new Land Use Code amendment designed to expand allowable uses and encourage creation of new businesses and features there.

The new “combining zone” alleviates costly and tedious requirements for Planned Development Permits (PDPs), many of which have been issued in the area. “The expensive and



CREAMED Area A was approved. CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE
time-consuming PDPs indicate the area’s zoning does not match the economic development direction of the area,” reads a staff report. “The use of PDPs is also a deterrent for future devel-

opment in the area.”

The new ordinance will expedite development of new businesses in the area, including restaurants and possibly a brewery.

A Planning Commission recommendation to include the Los Harbors property west of N Street was not adopted, as that area’s needs were seen as too different from those of the core Creamery District.

The district is planning ahead for the 2017 Creamery Festival, which will cap a year of special events in the “art and commerce” district.

MMIZ | Zone scaled back to original core area

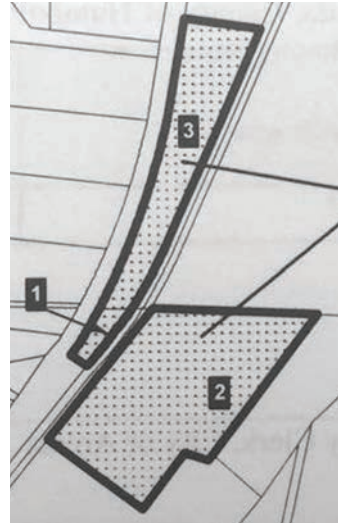
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The second part of the scheme in development by staff and yet to be submitted to the council defines licensing requirements for businesses wishing to set up shop in the MMIZ. These specify fees, zoning, building and fire standards, odor, energy and sustainable solid waste management, security, inventory tracking and more.

Plans for the innovation zone have changed since they were first introduced, in response to calls by some area business for inclusion in the new opportunity zone. Last week, they changed again after citizens stepped up with multiple objections.

Speakers offered testimony casting doubt on the city’s plans and on the whole idea of fostering a cannabis industrial sector in Arcata. Some businesses expressed a desire to be included in the MMIZ; others wanted nothing to do with it. Some speakers stated that they had only just heard of the MMIZ proposal, and had not been properly noticed by the city.

Attorney Tom Herman represented a number of businesses in the Aldergrove area



ZONED OUT Parcels owned by the City of Arcata, at top, and by Bob Figas, below, were MMIZ’d. CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

asking that they be included along with others in Area C, a separate batch of parcels north of the flakeboard area. He noted that Area C was added in response to demands for inclusion by businesses there, and demanded the same consideration for his clients.

Herman also noted that the city owns some of the land designated for MMIZ designation. “You stand to make money as a city from this ordinance, and we’d like the same consideration,” Herman said.

Economic Development Committee member Jane Woodward said the whole plan had gotten “out of control” and needed to be reined in.

Other speakers offered concern about odor, traffic and cannabis-related crime. They objected to the lack of neighborhood scoping, and called for a public meeting to be held in the area to gather citizen input.

The council ended up adopting the MMIZ for Area A only, though other areas could be included at a later date. The requested public meeting in the area is planned for later this month.

OPINION

Water the Plazoids

I have recently returned to Humboldt County, after a three-decade absence. I have noticed a number of things that others seem to accept or ignore. One of them is the number of people who are just “hanging out” with little to do. And many seem to gather in places like the Plaza in Arcata. Last time I thought of Humboldt as home, Mother Nature provided a disincentive to that – RAIN.

❖ LETTERS

Within my memory, shopkeepers began their day by hosing off the sidewalks and entries in front of their business. Here in Humboldt, nature largely did this for us. Downtown was clean and attractive. What we did not notice was that it was not attractive to “urban squatters.” This could be started again, TOMORROW.

All it would take would be for someone at each business, to come to work 30 minutes earlier. No commissions, public meetings, JUST DO IT. (It might be helpful if this was started with a pressure wash the first time.) Some business might be reluctant to join in. That’s OK, but they may find unwanted “guests.”

Another place where water might solve a problem would be to water the grass in the park every evening at say five o’clock.

This would be the most effective time for the grass, as it would carry overnight and into the morning, it would also reduce problems everywhere but the walkways. Perhaps the city could see fit to take care of the walks, trash, litter, etc. We all know that we have a water problem. Certainly we can invest some of the savings to solve the above.

This is not going to solve the whole problem, but it is a start. How ’bout starting tomorrow?

Dave Chamberlin
McKinleyville (Previously, Trinidad)

Higgins’ great record

Please vote for Pat Higgins for harbor commissioner. He has a very good track record of improving the harbor and creating opportunities for jobs while keeping in mind the quality of life for those who live here.

Susan has very nice signs, but Higgins has history of service and a much more positive vision of the future for our harbor, which is shared by nearly all local folks.

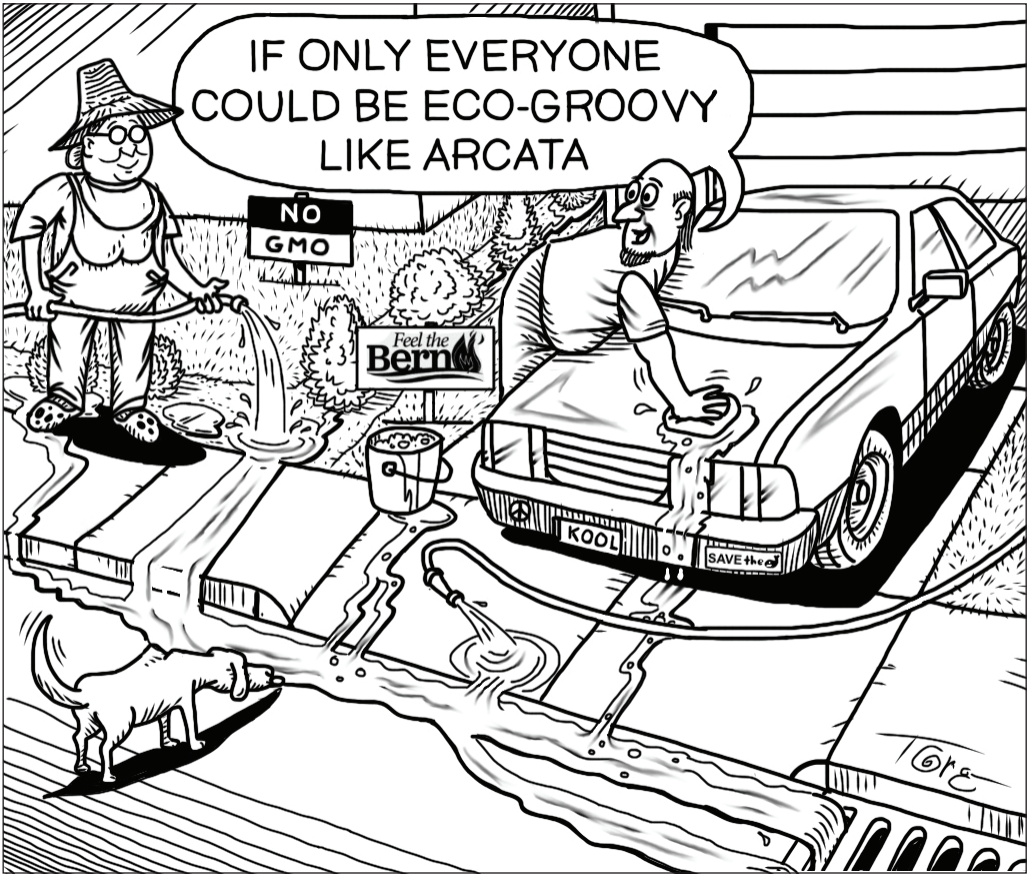
His opponents discount him for not being on board for the east/west railroad, which to pay for itself would require our harbor to become a center of shipping, such as Long Beach (Los Angeles) or Oakland.

I do not know anyone who has been to Long Beach or Oakland who wants Humboldt Bay to resemble those places in any way, shape or form.

Please vote for Higgins, to continue improving our harbor and create clean and meaningful employment opportunities.

Thank you.

George Waller
McKinleyville



News item: Mandated by the state to reduce water consumption by four percent – about two gallons per day – eco-groovy Arcata continues to waste water as though it just falls out of the sky.

Carol, Jan and Carla

Greetings Community of Manila, I listened to some of the Manila Community Services District (the other MCSD) election debate on public radio KHSU 90.5 FM tonight, Oct. 5. I am sure that many of you have followed the “happenings” in Manila, well documented in the *Mad River Union* (articles, editorials, and letters to the editor) and the *Arcata Eye* before that (mostly letters to the editor).

Some people are not well experienced at public speaking, but this is a skill that should not necessarily be a measure of the capability for a board member...

While most of the debate questions were cogent to the “issues” that plague our hamlet by the sea, one would think that people would have expected many of the questions. There were only a few people who could really answer these questions and even fewer that actually did (some people just ate up answer-time by praising Manila; listen to the archive hopefully posted online at khsu.org/audio_archives).

Carol Vander Meer is clearly the most well prepared of all the candidates. Not only does she know what she is doing (management-wise), she has finely honed public speaking skills. These actually do turn out to be important skills for a board member to have (to effectively communicate with their peers and the citizens). She had the best, most direct and well educated answers to the questions. I have faith that she is the best candidate on the ballot. Jan Bramlett has also had a great record while on the MCSD board.

That they team up with this group, whose Facebook page “Vote for Carol, Jan and Carla for MCSD 2015” is found here:

[facebook.com/MCSD2015](https://www.facebook.com/MCSD2015), leads me to support this trio.

Jason Robert Patton
Manila

Re-elect Greg Dale

Greg Dale has served us well during his term as harbor commissioner. As someone who makes his living on the bay, he has a stake in ensuring that our harbor remains viable economically as well as ecologically.

The North Coast’s economic future is linked quite closely to effective, sustainable, development, and use, of Humboldt Bay. We need people managing this resource who have knowledge, experience, and a commitment to stewardship of this priceless resource. Greg has this knowledge, experience and commitment.

Walt and Becky Giacomini
Rio Dell

Enough is enough

First of all, I want to make it clear that I have the upmost respect for the Arcata Fire Department. It is an essential part of our community. While Senior Building Inspector for the City of Arcata, I had a close working relationship with the department, along with personal relationships, but enough is enough.

At present, homeowners within the AFD district are paying \$108 a year for tax and assessment fees, which are the highest of the surrounding communities. The proposed tax will cost these homeowners an additional \$96 a year. The \$8 a month for single family households seems small, but when you add the other fees they are responsible to pay, it becomes difficult for

people on fixed incomes to absorb these costs.

Personally, I am responsible to pay for the following bonds and taxes:

1. Northern Humboldt UHSD bond (2010)
2. College of the Redwoods GO bonds
3. McKinleyville Union bonds (2008)
4. Arcata Fire Department tax (1997)
5. Arcata Fire Department assessment (2006)
6. McKinleyville CSD Measure B
7. Humboldt County Measure Z (2014)

The proposed tax along with the aforementioned fees will represent 20 percent of my property tax bill. There is an additional cost to the people who live within the McKinleyville Community Service District. MCSD has instituted large increases in sewer fees to finance the expansion of the sewage treatment facility.

The ordinance summary for Measure A states that federal, state, and local properties are exempt from the tax. Who pays when the fire department responds to a fire at Humboldt State University or one of the City of Arcata properties?

The proposed tax will generate \$1,528,344 a year; and since the ordinance does not mention a sunset date, it will be a permanent tax.

The major remodel of the downtown Arcata station is complete. The remodel and addition to the McKinleyville station will begin soon. With the passage of the fire assessment in 2006, the department has been able to replace many of the engines and purchase new fire suppression equipment.

Recently, the AFD received a grant administered by FEMA in the amount of \$1,051,995. The modernization fund set up by the former chief has raised \$2,130,000 through donations and fund raising. The AFD is also requesting donations to help cover the \$400,000 shortfall for the McKinleyville station remodel.

The modernization of the Arcata Fire Department is important, but the state of the economy has forced communities as well as individuals to economize until conditions improve. I believe the AFD should do the same.

Scott R. Baker
McKinleyville

❖ With elections aborning, now is the time for all concerned citizens to take pen (or keyboard) in hand to sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and include a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification. Try and keep your letter to 300 words or so, maybe 500 max. If you need more words than that to make your points, contact us about doing a column. And don't forget that the deadline for letters is noon Friday. E-mail letters to opinion@madriverunion.com.

Assumptions and mythology not helpful in treatment of addiction

Addiction often plays a role in homelessness, and since people commonly believe they know a lot about addiction, they form opinions based on that fact. But they may not be as informed as they think they are; even the experts are constantly updating their understanding of the disease. Here’s a simple experiment almost anyone can do.

An estimated 90 percent of North Americans consume caffeine, so chances are you do, too. Just say no and stop, cold turkey, tomorrow morning. Don’t make coffee at home, stop at the drive-through or pour a cup when you get to work.

Skip the soft drink with lunch as most of them have caffeine, not just colas, and don’t have a mid-afternoon chocolate bar or energy drink to pick you up for the last couple of hours. By evening, you are likely to be facing a nasty constellation of symptoms. A crushing headache usually leads the list, together with fatigue, nausea, muscle aches and pains and a general feeling of malaise.

You can make it all go away with just a few doses of caffeine. Or you can suffer for 10-12 more

days and be free of your addiction. Either way, it’s only a slight taste of what addicts to stronger substances go through.

There isn’t much social stigma attached to caffeine. Most people who criticize coffee, tea, soft drinks and chocolate are more concerned with sugar. Caffeine is legal, easy to find and most people can afford it.

It’s only been a few years since addiction experts even acknowledged caffeine as a truly addictive substance, but the important element is that it alters brain chemistry, setting up a reward feedback loop. More than just creating physical dependency, it hijacks reason and takes over the decision-making process. Luckily, it seldom ruins lives.

Alcohol, opiates and stimulants do. The jury is still out on whether legalization of marijuana will reduce the harm associated with it, but it is clearly a substance capable of abuse and still illegal in most places. Tobacco is a major source of fatal cancers.

The most current medical definition of addiction, from the Amer-

ican Society of Addiction Medicine web site: “Addiction is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Dysfunction in these circuits leads to characteristic biological, psychological, social and spiritual manifestations. This is reflected in an individual pathologically pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors.

“Addiction is characterized by inability to consistently abstain, impairment in behavioral control, craving, diminished recognition of significant problems with one’s behaviors and interpersonal relationships, and a dysfunctional emotional response. Like other chronic diseases, addiction often involves cycles of relapse and remission. Without treatment or engagement in recovery activities, addiction is progressive and can result in disability or premature death.”

Addiction is now likened to other chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disorders, diabetes and asthma, in which patients can be expected to relapse from self-

care regimens and need help getting back on track. Because basic addiction treatment tends to be time-consuming, expensive and vulnerable to early relapse, family, friends and employers may have less patience with addicts than patients with other diseases.

Twelve-step programs, based on the Alcoholics Anonymous model, are very low cost and work well for some people, but they focus more on the concept of will power than the medical treatment of brain chemicals. Once the physical aspects of addiction have been addressed, they can help by supporting a substance-free lifestyle. They have historically promoted absolute secrecy, but that may be changing.

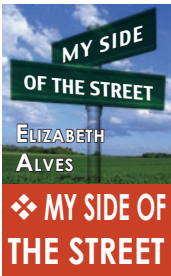
Younger recovering addicts are more open to sharing their experiences, and some take on roles as open advocates for the services and resources needed to support them. As long as there are stigmas and dangers associated with addiction, there will be people who hide it, but more people are coming out of the shadows. That’s especially true of addicts who started with legal painkillers.

For decades, Western medical practice was centered on diagnosis and treatment, with pain relief as a secondary goal. Pain is an important symptom, and masking it can make diagnosis more difficult. Fear of creating addicts was also a major concern, and many patients were under-treated for their pain.

The development of effective treatment for many chronic conditions means more people live longer with chronic pain, making it important to find ways to make them more comfortable. It’s difficult to predict the exact reaction of each patient to a particular dose of painkillers, and even careful doctors can make mistakes. When that happens, there’s no easy road back for the patient or the doctor.

If you’ve been judging addicts harshly, perhaps you will reconsider. If you’ve been excusing addicts you know and love, but thinking stranger addicts are scum, it might be time to give them the benefit of the doubt. Remember how you felt without caffeine.

Elizabeth Alves gets her caffeine from diet cola and chocolate. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.



❖ DICE & SPICE



TURNING UP THE HEAT More than 50 fourth through sixth grade students competed in Saturday's sixth annual Salsa Recipe Competition, held Saturday, Oct. 10 on the Arcata Plaza. The students teamed up with local chefs. Top, a student enjoys the competition. Middle, the team from Arcata Elementary, which worked with Abruzzi chef Josh Wiley. Bottom, the team from Trinidad School, which worked with Colleen Kelly from the school's food service department. Numerous awards were given out; find the complete list at madriverrunion.com. Arcata Elementary took first in "Excellence in Savory Taste."

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Students learn to farm and so much more

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NORTHERN HUMBOLDT – In 2014, Northern Humboldt Union High School (NHUHS) students from Tsurai and Pacific Coast High Schools started the district's first ever "farm to table" initiative. Funded through the federal WIOA StepUP program, students laid the groundwork for the WIOA StepUP Summer Farm Work Experience Program.

All through the spring of 2015, students designed and built garden beds, retaining walls and structures, pulled weeds and transformed the school gardens on the Arcata and McKinleyville campuses. Over summer break, seven NHUHS students worked 773 hours under the supervision of professional organic farmer Andrew Pierce. "The motivation and pride the students have shown for this project has been incredible. Year one has been an overwhelming success," Pierce said.

The WIOA students learned to plant, grow and harvest organic produce as well as to run a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for NHUHS staff. Produce was also provided to local food banks and has made its way into meal planning for district events.

Arcata High School teacher Russ Porterfield participated in the CSA and commented that it really was heartwarming to see students who have struggled in the classroom flourish in a different learning environment. "But the best of all came last week when the students got to enjoy the fruits of their labor, when they got to eat the green beans they grew in their school lunch," he said.

In addition to providing training in the farm trade, the summer program



FARM FRESH Above, WIOA Farm Crew member David Lucas with a bounty of produce. Right, WIOA SetUP Organic Farmer and Crew Leader Andrew Pierce. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



also focused on teaching the soft skills involved in being a successful employee including: how to work together as a team, follow instructions, show up on time and communicate with an employer.

WIOA student Simon Scheideler said the WIOA program helped build work experience skills by "offering hands-on experience, mentors and new friends."

WIOA Program Director Alyssa Kell said, "It has been gratifying to watch the farm crew grow along with the crops throughout the first year. There is no doubt in my mind that this program has already changed lives."

The summer crew consisted of soon-to-be seniors and new high school graduates. Each participant continues to work with the StepUP Program and receive assistance in the transition from high school to college or vocational training.

The WIOA StepUP Program is now

gearing up for a Saturday Farm Work Experience Program, which is set to begin in mid-October. If you haven't seen the progress on the McKinleyville and Arcata High garden sites, stop by and check it out!

The WIOA StepUP Program is part of a larger Career Education initiative in the NHUHS. Superintendent Chris Hartley said that, "Ultimately the vision of the district is to provide relevant educational experiences that help our students to compete for a job, succeed at work, be prepared for post-secondary training/education and be a positive member of our community. Programs like WIOA develop these skills through practical experiences, but also help students learn the value of developing positive relationships, working as a team, and doing something positive for our community."

MCS D wants in on groundwater planning

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – The county's intent to form a stakeholders group for managing groundwater in the Eel River Valley has drawn the interest of a seemingly unlikely participant – the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCS D).

Local implementation of a recently-approved state groundwater law was discussed at the Oct. 6 Board of Supervisors meeting and Helen Edwards of the MCS D said her agency wants to have input on how it will be carried out.

The state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was enacted last year in response to ongoing drought. The county will begin the process of follow-

ing new state groundwater management requirements by forming a working group to develop recommendations for a sustainability plan.

The state has developed a priority system for addressing potential groundwater depletion. The only county groundwater area that rises above a very-low priority ranking is the Eel River Valley, including the communities of Ferndale, Fortuna, Loleta and Rio Dell.

Edwards said that although the MCS D's coverage area has a low priority ranking, its officials "very strongly" believe that they should participate in the planning.

The MCS D board formed a committee to address implementation of the state law, she continued. "We would like to be in on whatever groundwork is laid and however the plan is structured," Edwards said.

She told supervisors that the MCS D board believes the plan developed for the Eel River Basin should involve countywide participants because it will set a

precedent for future plans elsewhere in the county.

Hank Seemann of the county's Department of Public Works said the working group effort will be a big chunk of work even on a targeted scale. "We're going to have our hands full capturing the interests in the Eel River Valley and we're concerned about being spread too thin," he told supervisors.

Seemann added that the MCS D area gets its water from the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and groundwater is not used significantly. The Eel River basin is ranked by the state as a medium-priority area due to its reliance on groundwater for irrigation and water supply.

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg said the MCS D nevertheless wants to participate in a process that could set the pace for groundwater management beyond the Eel River Valley. "Once it gets applied to one area, that same framework is going to carry over," he continued.

Board Chair Estelle Fennell said the input process

will be inclusive but has to focus on the area that is ranked for mandatory action.

"We've got to nail down and address the concerns the state has identified with regards to the Eel River, because that is a medium priority area," she continued.

Sundberg was the only supervisor to vote against a motion to authorize the Department of Public Works to form the groundwater working group.

The state law requires that groundwater sustainability plans be drafted for medium- and high-priority areas. If a local agency is not formed to helm the process, the state takes over.

The county is opting for local control and the soon-to-be-formed stakeholders working group will convene on the law's implementation and funding aspects along with developing recommendations.

The deadline for forming local agencies for all the state's high- and medium-priority areas is June 30, 2017 and groundwater sustainability plans must be developed by 2022.

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SCI-FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT Visit the *House on Haunted Hill* (1959) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways today, Oct. 14 at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Five people are invited to spend 12 hours in the house on Haunted Hill. All who manage to do so will receive \$10,000. Not everyone will live through the night ... Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

McK FARMERS’ MARKET Get fresh Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Safeway Shopping Plaza on Central Avenue.

SPOOKESTRA The Arcata and McKinleyville high schools’ award-winning ArMack student orchestra kicks off its 2015 performance season Saturday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. with its first-ever Halloween performance. New Conductor Cassie Moulton – who replaced long-time Maestra Carol Jacobson– will lead the orchestra in a Spooky Symphony at McKinleyville High School. Bring the kids for face painting, slimy games and a monster of a good time before the musical performance. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Visit *armack.org* for further information.

BARN DANCE The Humboldt Folklife Society and the MARZ Project host a Halloween barn dance on Friday, Oct. 16 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Lyndsey Battle will call the dances with tunes by the Striped Pig Stringband at the Arcata Vets Hall, 1425 J St. All dances will be taught with no partner or experience needed. Admission is \$7/free for kids 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the MARZ Project.

FIELDBROOK MARKET Doug Fir and The 2x4s, a multi-generational rock ‘n’ roll band comprised of fathers and sons playing classic rock and beyond, play at Fieldbrook Market, 4636 Fieldbrook Rd., Friday, Oct. 16 starting at 7:30 p.m. *facebook.com/DougFirandthe2x4s*, (707) 845-4995

MOKKA MUSIC Good Company plays Celtic tunes on Friday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. at the always-relaxed Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all ages show. (707) 822-2228

WORLD DANCE Humboldt Folk Dancers sponsor teaching and request dancing Friday, Oct. 16 from 8 to 10 p.m. at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church 1675 Chester Ave., Arcata. Admission is \$3; all ages welcome. (707) 839-3665

EAT & SHOP Don’t miss the monthly breakfast and flea market at Dow’s Prairie Grange Hall, 3995 Dow’s Prairie Road, McKinleyville on Saturday, Oct. 17 starting at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, eggs and browsing knick knacks. Flea market ends at 3 p.m. \$5/\$3 for kids. (707) 840-0100

AFS YARD SALE Help local students study abroad and meet this year’s group of exchange students at a giant multi-family yard sale at 1666 Old Arcata Rd., Bayside on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit AFS Intercultural Programs. *northwestcalifornia@afsa.org*, (707) 834-0365

MUSIC AT THE MARKET Lizzy and the Moonbeams play the Arcata Farmers’ Market this Saturday, Oct. 17. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza.

PEACEMAKERS’ BALL Celebrate Humboldt Mediation Services’ 32 years with live music, food, beer, wine and more on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Woman’s Club, 1531 J St. Admission is \$15. (707) 445-2505

HOWLING GOOD TIME Hudson Hound Dogs play the Central Station Cocktail Lounge, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9 p.m.

BREAKFAST IN BAYSIDE Enjoy a gourmet breakfast featuring live music by The Vanishing Pints at the Bayside Grange Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd., Bayside on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. Eat for \$8/\$5 seniors and kids. (707) 822-9998, *baysidegrange.org*, *facebook.com/baysidegrange*

FESTEJANDO NUESTRA SALUD LatinoNet’s ninth annual Spanish language health fair, Festejando Nuestra Salud/Celebrating Our Health, is at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds Sunday, Oct. 18 from noon 4 p.m. Much more than just a health fair, this cultural celebration includes music, food, kids’ activities and a whole lot more, all for free. Festejando Nuestra Salud helps connect existing resource providers in Humboldt County with the North Coast’s Latino population. In addition to up-to-date health information on topics such as health care, diabetes, domestic violence, senior and children’s health, the event will have important health screenings, such as cholesterol and blood glucose testing, body mass index, flu vaccinations, children’s eye exams and dental screenings. *latinonet.org*, (707) 268-2132 or (707) 362-5727

REBOOT YOUR LIFE How to make the most of life’s transitions will be discussed at Lifetree Café on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Reboot Your Life: The Art of Turning Your Life Around,” features a filmed interview with Vinh Chung, a Vietnamese immigrant and author. After their empire of rice mills in Vietnam was confiscated by a communist regime, Chung’s family made a risky decision to leave the country in search of a better life. Lifetree Café is a free conversation café with snacks and beverages on the corner of Union and 13th streets in Arcata. *lifetreecafe.com*, (707) 672-2919

LOCAVORES’ DELIGHT Find fresh vegetables and fruit from local producers, food vendors, plant starts and flowers every Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Wildberries Marketplace’s Farmers’ Market, 747 13th St., Arcata. (707) 822-0095

DOG DAY AFTERNOON Bring your pooch to the patio of Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. Hot dog specials from the kitchen, adoptable dogs onsite from 5 to 7 p.m., and feral jazz by Dogbone from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

HUMBOLDT ACCORDIONAIRES San Francisco accordionist Ron Borelli plays on Friday, Oct. 20 as special guest of the Humboldt Accordionaires. Borelli has played with the San Francisco Opera, the San Francisco Symphony, The Three Tenors. The music starts at 6:45 p.m. at the Humboldt Swiss Club hall at 5403 Tompkins Hill Rd., south of College of the Redwoods. Admission is by donation. (707) 442-6546, (707) 845-8246

SMALL ART AT WCA The upcoming November-December show at Westhaven Center for the Arts features smaller works of art (20” x 20”) in all media. “I planned this show to encourage folks to give art as holiday gifts,” said exhibit coordinator Ann Anderson. “This show is not just for members. All local artists are invited to enter up to three pieces. It is not a juried show and all art will be hung as space permits.” Entry day is Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. There is a \$5 per piece entry fee. Call Ann at (707) 677-0128 or email *wcaexhibits@gmail.com* if you have questions. Westhaven Center for the Arts is located at 501 South Westhaven Dr., off the Westhaven exit on Highway 101.

HOLIDAY CRAFTERS The Bayside Grange No. 500 invites crafters and artists to submit an application to be a vendor at the Fifth Annual Bayside Grange Holiday Handmade/Makers’ Fair at the Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd., on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, or to request an application, email *denise@remembermagic.com*, or call the Grange at (707) 822-9998.

Space Biscuit | ‘Definitely theatrical’

♦ **FROM B1**
school but found the guitar department too “serious.”
“Somber,” Halliday interjected.
Abrams noticed that the “percussion people were happier,” so she joined HSU’s AM Jazz Band and drummed for that group for two semesters “because no one else would do it,” she said. “I was horrible.”
She must not have been that horrible because she plays in several bands now, one of them a jazz group with a weekly Wednesday gig at the Speakeasy in Eureka.
But Space Biscuit, she insists, “is my main squeeze.”
Halliday started jamming with Abrams three years ago with French horn and drums, because, according to Halliday, “She was the only musician I knew in Eu-

reka.” They were joined by singer Qaiel Peltier and the Space Biscuit vibe started up, with the three collaborating on song-writing. “Qaiel [is] a very gifted lyricist,” Abrams said.
Peltier left the band in 2014, triggering a long search for the right front person. In April, Annotto-Pemberton answered the band’s audition call to be their new singer. “My grandmother died in February,” she explained. “I wouldn’t have tried out if that hadn’t happened. It reminded me that life is short.”
Annotto-Pemberton teaches dance at Arcata Elementary School to 300 students from preschool through fifth grade, everything from Latin to modern to Bollywood, “which they love,” she said.
She comes from a musical theater back-

ground, was Lola in *Damn Yankees*, attended Hunter College and did the New York/Broadway thing, sang on the streets of Paris, and graduated with a degree in dance from HSU. She brings that theatricality to Space Biscuit, adding the panache that Halliday and Abrams love.
“I’m playing new things because of Lela,” Halliday said.
“It’s definitely theatrical,” Annotto-Pemberton said. “It’s been a challenge for me but it’s easier to play a role. Lots of our songs change feelings from one song to another.”
Collaboration is paramount for these three musicians.
“I’ve written at least a thousand songs,” Abrams said, “but what I really like is working with other people. Together we’re going to write something way better.”
The collaboration is fun, too.

“All of our songs come out of a jam,” Abrams said.
“We take it from being a riff into a structured song,” Halliday added. “The words often come last.”
Halliday studied French horn at HSU and also plays in the bands Lemon, Lemon, Cherry, Keytar and Companion Animal.
An obvious question is how did the band get its name?
“I was making some pot cookies,” Abrams said. “They came out funny and tasted like biscuits. Someone said, ‘space biscuits’. I said, ‘That’s a great name for a band’. And it is.”
Get a taste of Space Biscuit at the Siren’s Song Tavern in Old Town Eureka on both Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, all ages welcome.
Find out more about Space Biscuit and links to music at *facebook.com/spacebiscuitmusic*.

CALENDAR

VENUE	WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14	THURSDAY, OCT. 15	FRIDAY, OCT. 16	SATURDAY, OCT. 17	SUNDAY, OCT. 18	MONDAY, OCT. 19	TUESDAY, OCT. 20
Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		9:30 p.m. Five Dollar Holler		5:30 p.m. <i>Ghostbusters</i> (1984)	5:20 p.m. • Monday Night Football	
Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Uptown Kings	9 p.m. Dread Daze	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. The Roadmasters	9 p.m. • Hunter & The Dirty Jacks	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay
Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			No music at Humbrews this week				
The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	10 p.m. • Whomp Whomp Wednesday	9 p.m. '80s Night w/DJ Red	10 p.m. • Hunter and the Dirty Jacks	10 p.m. MF House	10 p.m. Sundaze	10 p.m. Cure for the Common	8 p.m. Comedy Night
Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. TBA	7 p.m. Jim Silva			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	6:45 p.m. • Cribbage Tournament		9 p.m. Kindred Spirits	8 p.m. Old Dog	6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Piet Dalmolen	6 p.m. • Compost Mountain Boys	6 p.m. La Patinas	6 p.m. For Folk Sake			6 p.m. Dogbone
Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. USGGO	8 p.m. Holus Bolus	8 p.m. Business Casual		7 p.m. Bingo	7 p.m. • La Musique Diabolique
Richards' Goat 401 I St., Arcata	7:30 p.m. <i>Digging for Fire</i>	TBA • Seventh Generation Fundraiser	9 p.m. • Queer VibeZ Dance Party	4:30 p.m. <i>The Prophet</i>	4:30 p.m. <i>The Prophet</i> 9 p.m. <i>Karaoke</i>	7:30 p.m. <i>Digging for Fire</i>	8 p.m. Taco Tuesday
Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. • Dodgy Mountain Men	9 p.m. USGGO	2 p.m. DJ J Dub 9 p.m. Phil King	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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❖ THEATRE REVIEW

Boeing Boeing: Catch it while you can

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FERNDALE – You can’t fake comedy. It either works or it doesn’t.

Judging by the roars of laughter at last week’s preview performance of the Ferndale Repertory Theater’s (FRT) production of *Boeing Boeing*, this comedic farce not only works, but excels. We laughed so hard we cried.

Written and set in the early 1960s, *Boeing Boeing* tells the story of swinging bachelor Bernard (Chris Hamby), who has designed what he thinks is the perfect system to have simultaneous affairs with three radically different air hostesses. The key: airline timetables. Lothario Bernard has, to date, been able to maintain his Parisian love nest with these three beautiful women, all of whom he’s engaged to, enjoying all the benefits of matrimony without any of the commitment. Then, along comes friend Robert (the always-hilarious Evan Needham) and the introduction of a faster Boeing jet, and the system begins to unravel.

What ensues is what FRT has been correctly billing as an “acro-farce,” a feat of ludicrous nonsensical comedy amped up with some spectacular slapstick.

On preview night, the play unfolded slowly at the beginning, introducing Robert, his beleaguered French maid Bertha (a lovably tart Kaitlin Osbourn) and brash American TWA fiancée Gloria (Alyssa Hughlett) having a somewhat tense breakfast. The arrival of Robert, departure of Gloria and arrival of high-strung Italian Alitattia fiancée Gabriella (Julia Hjerpe) added further tension. But it is when domineering German Lufthansa fiancée Gretchen (glamamazon Alex Blouin) showed up and confronted Bertha the maid that the comedy really went off the rails for good.

FRT’s new Artistic Producing Director

Leira Satlof has made magic in matchmaking Dell’Arte’s physical comedy to Ferndale Rep’s theatrical taste. *Boeing Boeing* is directed by Ryan Musil, and the cast and crew are peppered by DAI alums and faculty, yet still retains the flavor of an FRT production.

Musil chose to amp up the physical comedy in *Boeing Boeing*, turning what used to be a simple two-act comedy of errors into a surreal romp, in the most literal sense of the word. As the play unfolded, Gretchen manhandled both men and women, Bertha cowered in comedic terror and Gloria flung herself all over the set and her fellow actors while the audience wept with laughter. You’ll forget the sexism and national stereotyping rampant throughout the play as you try to catch your breath.

The set and costumes, both designed by Lynn Horrigan, spectacularly capture the 1960s aesthetic. Horrigan squeezed five doors and two corridors onto the relatively small FRT stage, confirming the *Laugh-in* Law directly correlating the number of doors with the incidence of humor. When you see the play, pay close attention to the frosted glass in the bathroom door, a source of great shadowplay.

However much as the audience coveted Bernard’s fantastic retro apartment, that desire paled in comparison to repeatedly-overheard longings for the fantastically tailored air hostess uniforms (and shoes!). FRT could probably fund their whole season by selling replica TWA ensembles in the lobby (see below!).

Boeing Boeing runs until Oct. 25 on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinee performances on both Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$16/\$14 for students and seniors.

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TOO DARN HOT Lilli Vanessi (Anna Duchi) and Fred Graham (Gino Bloomberg), fall in love again in *Kiss Me, Kate*.
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VAN DUZER THEATRE – With high-spirited singing and dancing backed by an orchestra of classic Broadway size, HSU evokes the 1948 of Cole Porter’s most applauded musical comedy *Kiss Me, Kate* in Van Duzer Theatre for two weekends beginning this Friday.

“It’s a big musical the way big musicals used to be,” said director Susan Abbey. “It’s not the spectacle-based musical of today — it’s driven by a great story that’s fun and funny, celebrating the magic of theatre and the power of love.”

The story centers on the tumultuous relationship of actor-producer Fred Graham and his fading movie star ex-wife Lilli Vanessi, as they find themselves back together in a new stage version of Shakespeare’s *The Taming of the Shrew*.

From Shakespeare’s sunny Padua to their Baltimore backstage, Lilli and Fred fume and fight, as do the characters they play. Conflicts offstage collide with similar action on stage before true love triumphs, as the comedy of the Bard of Avon inspires the musical wit of the Bard of Broadway, composer Cole Porter.

“People know these Cole Porter tunes,” said musical director Elisabeth Harrington, “even if they don’t know they are from this show.”

Students Anna Duchi in the dual role of Lilli and Shakespeare’s Kate, and Gino Bloomberg as Fred and Petruchio, are both experienced in musical comedy, Harrington said. They hope to awaken memories while bringing the humor and musicality of these songs to a new generation.

Adding excitement for audiences is an orchestra of 20 community and HSU musicians, playing the original arrangements as they were performed on Broadway — an increasingly rare event. Though this music was meant for a full orchestra, “often it’s watered down to a combo or a few synthesizers and a drum machine,” said musical co-director Paul Cummings, who conducts this orchestra.

“It’s also a dance intensive show,” added choreographer Sharon Butcher, head of the HSU dance program. Four dance majors are featured but Butcher was pleasantly surprised that “the actors who are theatre and music-based are so eager to dance.”

The original *Kiss Me, Kate* opened in 1948 and won multiple Tony Awards while setting box office records. It is generally considered to be the best musical of Cole Porter’s long and legendary career.

In the main supporting parts, Tossa Hayward plays the dual roles of Lois and Bianca, and Christopher Moreno plays Bill/Lucentio. Community actors Janet Waddell and Bob Service join the student cast.

Ivan Gamboa and Mickey Thompson are the hapless gangsters who perform the comic song, “Brush Up Your Shakespeare.” Other classic songs include “Another Opening, Another Show,” “Too Darn Hot,” “I Hate Men” and “From This Moment On.”

Scenic designer is Derek Lane, lighting by Santiago Menjiver, and costumes by Alexander Stearns, Izzy Ceja and Veronica Brooks.

Kiss Me, Kate is a co-production of the HSU Music department and the HSU Theatre, Film & Dance department.

KISS ME, KATE
❖ **Where:** Van Duzer Theatre, HSU campus
❖ **When:** Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 & 17; Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 22 to 24 at 7:30 p.m.; 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Oct. 25
❖ **Admission:** \$15/\$10 seniors, students and children
❖ **Tickets:** HSU Box Office (707) 826-3928
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McKinleyville Art Night will be Friday, October 16th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Join us for our community’s celebration of local art and artists for music, food and fun. You can find more information about the artists and venues and see additional images online at www.mckinleyvilleartsnight.com.

at the Airport:

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View artwork by Humboldt County artists at the long term exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association. The new exhibit features work by Augustus Clark, Curtis Otto, Hanna Pierce, Howard Emerson, Rob Hampson, and Micki Flatmo.

Hiller Road:

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Earl Stevens: Wood, showing a collection of “Intarsia” work

McKinleyville Art Night!

Meet the artists during McKinleyville Art Night!

McKinleyville Art Night continues to be the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of our local artists. For more information, contact coordinator Taffy Stockton at (707) 834-6460.



IT'S A SPOOKY TIME OF THE YEAR

Boo! Were you scared? Was it too Spooky? October can be a pretty frightful month, but there is no reason to be a scardy-cat around this week's kittens. Spooky, Boo, and Casper came to Companion Animal Foundation just a few weeks ago. In that time, they have gone from three shy little bundles of fur to a trio of happy, rambunctious kittens.



These kittens are a real treat to be around. Though they are siblings, they have very distinct personalities. Spooky loves to be cuddled and pet, and her gray and white sister Boo likes to chase toys and play. Their all-gray brother, Casper, is very mellow and sweet tempered, with a purr that can be heard from the next room over.

These Halloween cuties are still too young to be spayed or neutered, and so are not quite ready to go to new homes yet. But they and all the other animals at Companion Animal Foundation are available to visit and play with at our Sunny Brae store every Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spooky and her siblings aren't the only treats coming this October. Thanks to the support of our wonderful community, Companion Animal Foundation will be having a Spay/Neuter clinic in Hoopa on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24 and 25. We at Companion Animal Foundation are very excited to help the animals out in Hoopa, but we still need your help! Any donations of clean towels, blankets, and pet food are greatly appreciated, and can be brought to our Sunny Brae location.

To learn more about CAF and other programs, visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata, email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook or call (707) 826-PETS (7387).



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- Passing fancy
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- Rajah's lady
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- Cleaning cloth
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- Synagogue leader
- Drink served warm
- Try to win the love of
- Yellow-billed birds
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- Numerical prefix
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- Bishop Fulton Sheen's field: abbr.
- Turn over a new leaf
- Civil War general
- Cauldrons
- Have __; be ahead
- Dorothy's aunt & others
- Shade of brown
- Zodiac sign
- Sign of appreciation
- Yacht's place
- Baseball team
- Toot
- Word with how or who
- Good judgment
- Bleaters
- Syllables for the hesitant
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- Actress Campbell
- Italian monk's title
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- Wave: Fr.
- Sins
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- Lodges
- Traditional Latin __; "The most beautiful thing this side of heaven"
- German exclamation
- Fender mark
- Spain's peninsula
- Hideaway
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- Light color
- Log-rolling contest
- Constructed
- Irritate
- Transported
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- Varieties
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- Freshwater fish
- Soothing drink
- Uncle to millions
- Originally named
- Handle; control
- Broker's suggestions
- Ms. Moore
- Chicken __ king
- Word with wild or Quaker
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Community Education offerings from real estate to ballet

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS
HUMBOLDT – College of the Redwoods Community Education offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for community members this fall.

Real estate courses
Live lecture real estate classes for this fall include Real Estate Principles, Real Estate Practice and Real Estate Finance, all approved by the California Bureau of Real Estate.

Studies from the National Association of Realtors and the California Association of Realtors predict an improving real estate market led by a rise in borrower enthusiasm coupled with the easing of financial qualifying guidelines. Students who complete the real estate program and pass the California Salesperson Exam can be eligible to take advantage of this expected increase in real estate activity.

For those with a real estate education, a few related job options include real estate appraising, mortgage lending, home inspection, escrow agent or title officer among many others.

The schedule for all three real estate classes begins in October and ends in April 2016. Real Estate Principles begins Oct. 20 and runs Tuesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. Real Estate Practice follows and runs Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Jan. 5 through Feb. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. Rounding out the bundle of classes is Real Estate Finance running Tuesdays and Thursday, March 1 through April 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Unique to the real estate program at College of the Redwoods is the graduation and job fair at the conclusion of these courses held exclusively for graduating students. Students will be able to celebrate completion of their real estate program, network with local real estate companies, ask questions, and get familiar with different local brokers.

Students can enroll in a single class for \$599 or take advantage of CR's bundled pricing and take all three classes for a reduced price of \$1,495. These classes are in addition to the correspondence classes offered through CR.

Se habla español
College of the Redwoods Community Education presents

Easy Conversational Spanish, Wednesdays Oct. 21 to Nov. 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Easy Conversational Spanish classes are non-academic, non-grammar based classes for people looking to develop some Spanish conversational skills in a quick, fun way. Learn basic greetings, find your way around town when you travel, be able to communicate basic information to Spanish speakers in this fun and interactive class!

Class fee is \$80 and includes textbook. The class will take place at 525 D St. in Eureka.

No leotards required
College of the Redwoods Community Education presents Ballet for Fitness, the ideal class for adults who always wanted to try ballet but have never had the chance, or for those who have been dancing for years. This class is open to any adult of any skill level, even those who have never danced before. Posture and alignment based ballet technique married with yoga and Pilates inspired floorwork will lengthen and strengthen muscles and increase grace and flexibility. No leotards required.

The class is held at the College of the Redwoods Main Campus at 7351 Tompkins Hill Rd. on Thursdays, Oct. 29 to Nov. 19 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. The class fee is \$55. (707) 476-4500

Enrollment and information
For additional information or to register, call (707) 476-4500 or visit CR's Community Education at redwoods.edu/community-ed.

McK BASKETBALL McKinleyville Parks & Recreation is now accepting registration for the Youth Basketball League. The league is open to all boys and girls in third through 12th grades; every player is guaranteed to play regardless of skill level or experience. This is a great opportunity for kids to stay active, meet new friends and have fun! The registration deadline is Dec. 4. Games are played on Saturdays in McKinleyville and the season runs from Jan. 16 through March 12. Visit the Parks & Recreation office at 1656 Sutter Rd., sign up at rec.mckinleyvillecsd.com or call (707) 839-9003 for more information.

All right Mr. DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up

Pepe is a playful pup. He is a just about one year old and is a small Pit Bull Terrier mix. He does wonderfully in meet-and-greets and has shown some excellent manners around small children.

Through no fault of his own, Pepe has been "left at the altar" a couple of times now. One family was frustrated with the shelter's open hours and another couple ran up against a landlord who was not ready for a canine tenant.



Whoever does take this friendly boy home will be rewarded with a cheerful and entertaining companion. Pepe is an easy-going dog, happy to do whatever the humans want to do. He fetches, releases the ball gently,



clowns around and happily comes in close for petting and snuggling. He is ready to say good-bye to that small kennel and stretch out with his new family.

Pepe is adoptable through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville (near the airport). Come in and meet him and you will see what a good boy he is!

Pepe is neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. For more information, please call (707) 840-9132.

Betsy is a big, beautiful, 4-year-old Rottweiler mix. She is very affectionate and enthusiastic about spending time with anyone who can take her out of the kennel and go for a nice walk!

Betsy is friendly with other dogs and pays no attention to the ones that bark at her as she goes by. She plays hard and would probably do better with a dog in her larger size range. Betsy likes to be in charge, but she is not aggressive. We took her out with a big goofy puppy and she wanted to educate him on her ideas of appropriate behavior! She acts very much like a mama dog, correcting but not hurting. The puppy was climbing all over her, and most of the time she really didn't seem to care much about that.

Like so many of the shelter dogs, she actually seemed much more relaxed and happy after the opportunity to walk with another dog.

Betsy walks pretty well on the leash and has working knowledge of "sit" and "come." She likes her treats and should be easy to train.

Betsy would probably do better in a home with older children as she can be possessive about her food. Redwood Pals would be happy to arrange for a session with our trainer to educate her new owners on correcting that behavior. This is a gorgeous dog



that just needs a little attention and training to be a model companion.

Please contact Redwood Pals at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707) 839-9692 for more information or to arrange a meeting with Betsy.

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OBITUARY
Mary Alice Vetter, 1918-2015
Mary Alice Vetter was born to Isaac Eugene (Gene) Powers and Sophia (Sophie) Fredericka Huhn Powers on Oct. 28, 1918 in Leavenworth, Kansas and died Oct. 1, 2015 in McKinleyville.
She enjoyed attending church and taught Sunday School at Bethel Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Kansas.
Mary moved to Eureka in May 1997 and lived at Silver Crest in Eureka, where she worked many volunteer hours, until July 2011. She was a member of Dow's Prairie Grange #505 in McKinleyville for 18 years and held the office of Ceres for 10 years.
After a short hospital stay, she moved to her daughter Bettyann's home in McKinleyville. In January 2014, she moved to Timber Ridge Renaissance in McKinleyville, where she was lovingly cared for and known for her beautiful smile.
Mary is survived by her daughters B.J. Fitzpatrick and Bettyann Biringner-Rehm, adopted son Charles Eugene Fitzpatrick Vetter, sister Dorothy (Dot) Painter, five grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-grandson.
A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Activities Room at Timber Ridge, 1400 Nursery Way in McKinleyville.



❖ The *Union* publishes obituaries up to 250 words free of charge. Photos are welcome. Email with photos attached separately, to editor@madriverrunion.com by 5 p.m. Friday.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00507

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV150513 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner JOHANNA NAGAN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: DECLAN WILLIAM CARTLEDGE to Proposed name DECLAN WILLIAM NAGAN-CARTLEDGE. 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: OCT. 26, 2015 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: SEP. 09, 2015 DALE A. REINHOLTSEN Judge of the Superior Court 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BRIGID MARIE FERGUSON CASE NO.: PR150237 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BRIGID FERGUSON, BRIGID M. FERGUSON A Petition for Probate has been filed by: SHAUN FERGUSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: SHAUN FERGUSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: October 22, 2015 Time: 2:00 PM Room: 8 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501. **If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the**

hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. **If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.** **You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner: J. BRYCE KENNY 369 8TH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 9/30, 10/7, 10/14

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, AKA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, SR. CASE NO.: PR150245 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, AKA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, SR. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LINDA ROCHA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: LINDA ROCHA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: November 5, 2015 Time: 2:00 PM

Dept.: 8 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501. **If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.** **You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner: RYAN HURLEY, GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 10/14, 10/21, 10/28

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAVELLE JOY NELSON CASE NO.: PR150249 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: LAVELLE JOY NELSON A Petition for Probate has been filed by: WARREN NELSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: WARREN NELSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: November 5, 2015 Time: 2:00 PM

proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** Date: November 5, 2015 Time: 2:00 PM Dept.: 8 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501. **If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.** **You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner: RYAN HURLEY, GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 10/14, 10/21, 10/28

UNITED INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, INC. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ANNOUNCEMENT UIHS invites the submission of a Proposal from qualified persons for the purpose of creating a complete inventory and determining fair market value of the UIHS Cultural Collection. A Statement of Work is available by contacting the Executive Office at Potawat Health Village, 1600 Weeot Way, Arcata, CA 707) 825-5000 (Prior to the submittal of the Proposal an informational meeting will be held at Potawat Health Village on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 4:00pm. Written proposals for this project must be submitted by Monday, October 19, 2015 by 4:00pm. Serving the Native American Community since 1970.

In accordance with PL 93-638 American Indian Preference shall be given. 9/30, 10/7, 10/14

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 20th day of OCTOBER 2015 at 9 a.m. Bud's Mini Storage, 1180 5th St., Arcata (corner of 5th and K). Unit 28 – Holly Davidson Unit 95 – Jon Beers Unit 140 – Jon Beers Unit 141 – Tim Settles Unit 250 – Melody Schroder 10/7, 10/14

CITY OF ARCATA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR BAYSIDE ROAD SEWER FORCEMAIN INSTALLATION PROJECT 2015 Engineers Estimate \$46,500

The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for the installation of approximately 870 LF of 2" diameter PVC sewer pipe, and eight 20' long 2" diameter pressure sewer lateral service connections. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Manager, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

The WORK consists of Sanitary Sewer collection improvements in Arcata, California and requires furnishing all labor, supervision, traffic control, incidentals, testing, equipment, materials and performing all work required to make those improvements. The WORK consists of, but is not limited to shallow trenching, installing PVC pipe with fittings and appurtenances in the City of Arcata.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p.m. on **October 26, 2015**, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting on or after November 4, 2015.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to, or a site tour may be arranged, by contacting the **Arcata Engineering Department at 825-2128**. Bids received after the specified opening time will not be considered. The bidder is solely responsible for the timely delivery of his bid.

CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract. This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government

Code, Section 12990. PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSALS for bidding this PROJECT can be obtained at the office of the City Manager, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521. **(contact Contracts and Procurement Specialist – Cliff Poulton (707) 825-2101)** upon payment of a printing service charge in the following amount: The printing service charge amount of \$25.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$50.00 is required for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Contracts and Procurement Specialist, City Manager's Office, City of Arcata, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA, 95521

The Contract Documents may be examined after October 14th 2015, at the following locations:

- City of Arcata, City Hall, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521;
- Humboldt Builder's Exchange, 624 "C" Street, Eureka, CA 95501
- City of Arcata, Engineering Department, 525 9th Street, Arcata, CA 95521

The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.

The above project is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act. All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Cliff Poulton, Contracts & Procurement Specialist October 9, 2015 10/14, 10/21

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1467

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2015, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1467, summarized below, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Land Use Code of the Arcata Municipal Code to Create a Creamery District Combining Zone; Title IX—Planning and Zoning; Chapter 1—Planning and Zoning Standards; Section 9000—Land Use Code (LUC), Section 9.12.020—Zoning Map and Zoning Districts; Section 9.26.030—Commercial, Industrial, and Public Facility Zoning Districts; Section 9.28.120 (New)—Creamery District (:CD) Combining Zone*, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1467 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Pitino, Pereira, Omelas, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: Winkler (recused). ABSTENTIONS: None. Bridge Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 10/14

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1469

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2015, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1469, summarized below, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code to Add Procedures for Graffiti Nuisance Abatement and Administrative Recovery of Fines and Penalties, Title V—Sanitation & Health, Chapter 5—Abatement of Nuisances, Title I—General Provisions, Chapter 3—Penalty Provisions*, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1469 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Winkler, Pitino, Pereira, Omelas, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. Bridge Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 10/14

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1468

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2015, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1468, summarized below, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Land Use Code of the Arcata Municipal Code to Create a Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone Combining Zone; Title IX—Planning and Zoning; Chapter 1—Planning and Zoning Standards; Section 9000—Land Use Code (LUC); Section 9.12.020—Zoning Map and Zoning Districts; Section 9.26.030—Commercial, Industrial, and Public Facility Zoning Districts; Section 9.28.130 (NEW)—Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone (:MMIZ) Combining Zone*, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1468 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Winkler,

Pitino, Pereira, Omelas, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. Bridge Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1468

If adopted, this ordinance will amend the Arcata Land Use Code to create a new combining zone (Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone) with land use and development standards specific to that zone.

The full text of Ordinance No. 1468 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1468 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on October 21, 2015, and if adopted at that time, will take effect November 20, 2015. Bridge Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 10/14

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Summary of Ordinance No. 1469

If adopted, this ordinance will amend the Arcata Municipal Code (AMC) to add graffiti to the City's defined list of public nuisances subject to abatement and cost recovery. The ordinance will also update the current Code enforcement provisions of the AMC to allow for the recovery of administrative fines and penalties for any violation of the Municipal Code.

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CCAT RESILIENCE TALK The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) and the Humboldt Permaculture Guild host a presentation by Jan Spencer, from Eugene, Ore., today, Oct. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT), located at 14th and Union streets on the Humboldt State campus. Free and open to the public, the presentation is titled “Creating Green and Resilient Homes, Neighborhoods, Culture and Economy.” (707) 672-3102, suburbanpermaculture.org, greenandresilientneighborhoods.org

WAIT, WE’RE REINTRODUCING THE CONDOR AROUND HERE? The North Coast Water Garden Club invites you to join Chris West, Yurok senior wildlife biologist, who will report on the status of the reintroduction of the California condor to the North Coast today, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. No cost to attend. (707) 839-0588, info@ncwgc.org, ncwgc.org

AUDUBON MARSH TOUR Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 17. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Jude Power in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

GO MARSHING WITH MILT Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. Meet leader Milt Boyd at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the plants and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

ARE YOU A COOL CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS? If you own a climate-friendly small business, consider applying to win a CoolCalifornia Small Business Award. The California Air Resources Board’s statewide competition recognizes small businesses that take action to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Applications are due on Monday, Nov. 2, and judges will visit the prospective winners in December. Winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Sacramento in February 2016. To apply or learn more, visit CoolCalifornia.org/article/small-business-award-program where you can find a small business carbon calculator, tips to reduce your footprint, and read about what other businesses are doing.

ZWH’s Food Waste Solutions tackles methane menace

ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT
ARCATA – More than one-third of the waste annually generated in Humboldt County is food and organics. Food waste has become an alarming problem nationwide. Landfilled food waste breaks down anaerobically and produces methane.
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that methane is 21 times more potent than CO₂ as a greenhouse gas. In 2008, the EPA estimated that food waste cost roughly \$1.3 billion to dispose of in landfills (*Journal of Consumer Affairs*).
To address this increasing problem in California, AB1826, California’s commercial organics recycling law, will take effect in 2016. Humboldt County is fortunate to have local specialists, Juliette Bohn and Morgan King working on solutions to this problem in our rural area. Zero Waste Humboldt hosts Bohn

and King as featured speakers in “Food Waste Solutions” on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd., Bayside.
Zero Waste Humboldt invites the public to this first event in its 2015-16 Zero Waste Solutions Series. Zero Waste Humboldt is the only local organization specializing in waste reduction solutions.
The Oct. 29 Food Waste Solutions presentation will be especially important for anyone who grows food, makes food products, serves or eats food.
Sustainable development consultant Juliette Bohn looks forward to bringing private and public parties together, to



Morgan King



Juliette Bohn

help “Humboldt County turn compliance with new legislation into local opportunities.” She led a 2013 U.S. EPA pilot project to learn how best to establish a food waste landfill diversion program.

Morgan King, sustainability and waste coordinator for Humboldt State University, will discuss current and planned food waste recycling programs at HSU.
This ZWH event is sponsored by Lost Coast Brewery, Coast Central Credit Union, Locally Delicious and the Footprint Foundation. A \$10 donation is requested at the door to support Zero Waste Humboldt’s services. To learn more, email contact@zerowastehumboldt.org.



HAPPIER TRAIL The northern entry to the Arcata Ridge Trail is now open. Still awaiting completion is the Fickle Hill crossing to the Sunny Brae Tract, which is technically closed. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA

Arcata recognized for sustainability efforts

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative recognized Arcata’s energy conservation and sustainability policies with two awards at the recent League of California Cities annual conference in San Jose. Mayor Michael Winkler and Councilmember Mark Wheelley accepted the Silver and Platinum Level Beacon Spotlight Awards for eight percent Natural Gas Savings and Sustainability Best Practices, respectively.
The Beacon Program recognizes California cities and counties that are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability.
The program recognized Arcata for passing the Measure I excessive electricity use tax that reduced Arcata’s electricity usage by over 1.3 million kilowatt hours per year; for its addition of three water valves at the Alder-grove Intertie that will help ensure clean water after an earthquake and during routine maintenance and daily operations; for its construction of the new rail with trail non-motorized, multi-use path from Larson Park to Samoa Boulevard that will help eliminate an estimated 60,000 motorized vehicle trips within the city each year; and for its participation in PACE, or Property Assessed Clean Energy programs, that help property owners finance energy efficiency and alternative energy projects, among many other initiatives.

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PRIVACY, SECLUSION, FOREST, AND CREEK are just part of the amazing features of this newly created 10 acre parcel in the Fieldbrook area. Well has been drilled, septic has been tested and approved, utilities are nearby, property has been surveyed and touches on Rose Creek. Flat building sites and a variety of native plants, berries, and trees. Visit sueforbes.com for details and photos...**\$275,000**

DESIRABLE FIELDBROOK ESTATE Distinctively scenic redwood forest atmosphere, private and serene, parklike with trails and waterfalls audible in winter, orchard and extensive gardens. Main house is two bedrooms on upper level with upgraded new kitchen, bedroom, optional bedroom/office, large living room and dining room. The lower level, like an in-law suite, has a bath and kitchen, living room, bedroom opening to a large multipurpose room, plus a laundry room for the building. Downstairs could be rented, has separate entrances. Beyond the house, there's a compound with a sunny, south forest view cabin, kitchen with sink, woodsy feeling loft with skylight, separate bathhouse, and on demand water heater. Separately there's an elevated sleeping cabin with a waterfall view, plus a treehouse suspended above the waterfalls.

The tree house has power, and the redwoods around it have been pruned to form a canopy, a feature one must see to appreciate. At the treehouse one could plug in and watch movies with a waterfall backdrop... special! The main house is very bright, tall windows on all sides, very high ceilings, with a perimeter redwood deck. At night the deck and surrounding redwoods are dramatically lit. The Fieldbrook location is out of the way and private, two miles up a gravel road, both an asset (the air is fresh and delicious like a National Park, end of the road privacy) and a disadvantage (although the road is well maintained, it's an eighteen minute drive to the Safeway in McKinleyville). A private location, UPS and Fedex service the homesite.

The lot is ten acres, mostly redwoods, some quite large trees, and two creeks, one year around, traverse the property. One tree in the paved parking area in front of the main house is 6' diameter; one madrone tree is quite remarkable. The grounds feature countless hybrid rhododendrons and daffodils, native and cultivated berries, plus so many roses and perennial plantings. An 8' deer fence and electric gate surround the main house and gardens. There's a 12' x 30' insulated storage building, a new 30,000 gallon spring fed potable water tank, and both houses have decorative propane gas/marble fireplaces which could be converted back to wood. There's a dish for internet and TV, perimeter 8' deer fencing, and the wood floors and custom redwood windows and trim are notable.

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